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FIRE AT PRINCESS MARY'S HOME.

IRISH STABLES AND A
GARAGE GUTTED.

VISCOUNT LASCELLES' 2ND
FIRE IN A MONTH.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

London, Oct. 4.
Portumna Castle, in County Galway, the Irish home of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, was the scene to-day of a somewhat disastrous fire, though fortunately fire appliances were quickly on the scene and the castle itself was in no time in serious danger.

The blaze broke out in the stables attached to the castle, and spread rapidly to the garage, both buildings being partially destroyed.

Empty Petrol Tins.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles have made arrangements to visit the castle this week, and it is feared that the premises were deliberately fired as Civic Guards investigating afterwards discovered four empty petrol tins in the harness room of the castle.

It is significant that this is the second loss by fire suffered by Viscount Lascelles within a month.

The stables at Goldborough Hall, his Yorkshire home, were destroyed on September 6th, and six valuable race-horses were burnt to death.

Goldborough Blaze.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles were living in Yorkshire at the time, but on the day of the blaze they were absent, having been engaged during the day at Malton in opening a British Legion Club. They did not return to Goldborough that night, staying at Birdall House as guests of Lord Middleton.

Six Horses Killed.

The first warning was given by a farm labourer, who noticed smoke issuing from the stables. The fire was going merrily on the arrival of the Harrogate Brigade from five miles distance, and there was no hope of rescuing the six horses inside which by that time were frantic.

Portumna Castle, the scene of the latest conflagration was bequeathed to Viscount Lascelles by his uncle, the last Earl of Clanricarde, a millionaire, who died in 1916.

Princess Mary's Visit.

The interest of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles in their Irish estate was greatly esteemed by the country people who were looking forward to their visit with keen anticipation.

The Steward's house, where the famous couple had already made arrangements to stay for some time from Saturday, were undamaged.

The Civic Guards are now endeavouring to trace the persons who set fire to the stables. It seems doubtful that incendiaries were responsible.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

CHIHILI BANDITS.

BIG SUPPRESSION EFFORT
TO START.

Shanghai, Oct. 4.

A big scale anti-bandit campaign scheme has been devised by Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and his subordinates, and the Peking Government has announced the appointment of General Shiang Chen, a chief subordinate of Marshal Yen, to become Commander of the campaign, which is to be undertaken to exterminate all bandits in Chihili Province.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 8th Divisions of Marshal Yen's infantry forces and the 8th Division of cavalry will take part in the expedition.

MISS TOBIN BEING WELL TREATED.

WAS STILL IN CAPTIVITY
LAST TUESDAY.

HOPES OF RELEASE.

News reaching us from Wuchow this morning is to the effect that Miss Tobin, the British missionary who was seized by bandits on September 18th, was still in captivity on Tuesday last, although being well treated by her captors. One of the Chinese ladies who was captured at the same time has been released, having probably been ransomed.

Bishop Holden, who is stationed at Chuping in the interests of effecting the release of Miss Tobin, reports that the Chuping magistrate has proceeded to the bandits' rendezvous in order to carry out the necessary negotiations.

While Miss Tobin is still being held, the magistrate reports that the troops have captured other bands of brigands, and that the bandits who captured Miss Tobin proceeded overland to Tangyuen when they came off with their captives.

It is confirmed from several sources, including the Chuping magistrate, that Miss Tobin is being well treated by the bandits.

When this news was despatched from Wuchow on Tuesday, there were strong hopes that Miss Tobin would be released on the following day. A telegram received from Bishop Holden on Monday night was to the effect that, at the request of a Tientsin official, the Chuping magistrate is to withdraw the troops which he has detached against the brigands, and that, when that is done, the Tientsin official guarantees Miss Tobin's release.

The arrangements were that the troops were to be withdrawn on Wednesday, and Miss Tobin released without further delay.

WORLD TO HAVE NEW EMPEROR.

ABYSSINIAN PRINCE TO BE
EXALTED.

London, Oct. 4.

As the result of a reconciliation of the opposing forces which in recent years have rent Abyssinia in civil wars, the world is to have a new Emperor.

Prince Rasafari, who for the past twelve years has governed the country on behalf of his aunt, the Empress Zauditu, will be exalted to share the throne, and he is to be crowned amid magnificent ceremonial on Sunday.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH AIR MAIL DISASTER.

PILOT & PASSENGERS BURNT
TO DEATH.

Madrid, Oct. 4.

A French air-mail plane, which was proceeding from Casablanca to Toulouse, crashed into Peak San Pedro, in the Derosas Mountains in Gerone Province.

The machine fell down the precipice and burst into flames, the pilot and two passengers being incinerated.—*Reuter.*

ITALY AND CHINA.

MINISTER TO PAY VISIT TO
NANKING.

Shanghai, Oct. 4.

It is stated that the Italian Minister to China intends leaving Peking on the 11th instant for Nanking to open negotiations on Treaty revision with the Nanking Foreign Ministry.

On his way to Nanking he may stop at Hankow for a few days. He is expected at the Nationalist capital on about the 16th instant.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is now general over N.E. Japan. The typhoon appears to be nearly stationary about 500 miles east of Manila. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

SHIPPING STRIKE DOOMED?

AUSTRALIAN UNIONS
SEE MR. BRUCE.

PREMIER DECLINES TO OFFER
ACT COMPROMISE.

MUST RETURN TO WORK

Melbourne, Oct. 4.

Indignation still runs high against the new Act requiring transport workers to take out licences, and the failure of an attempt made to-day to reach a compromise has not improved the position.

Trade Union leaders appear to be anxious to reach a settlement, and the Premier, Mr. S. M. Bruce granted them a long interview to-day, the whole question being thrashed out. Mr. Bruce could hold out no hope that the Act would be modified to meet the wishes of the Trade Unions, though he added that if the strikers returned to work unconditionally, and complied with the terms of the Act, the existing regulations might later be modified.

Union Proposal.

This was in reply to a suggestion from the Trade Union leaders that the Unions be permitted to register their own members under the Transport Workers Act, thus avoiding the individual registrations now demanded.

The adoption of this proposal, it was urged, was likely to overcome the strong feeling that the registrations were designed to destroy Union control. It was this feeling that was responsible for the strong objections raised.

The conference with Mr. Bruce lasted for several hours, but the Trade Union leaders left without much satisfaction.

Premier Declines.

Mr. Bruce definitely declined to interfere with the operation of the Transport Workers Act, or to remove the necessity for individual registration by the Waterside Workers.

The Prime Minister declared that the unconditional observance of the law and of the award of the Arbitration Court was essential.

He undertook, however, that when the new Parliament meets, the existing regulations under the Act will be embodied in a new Bill.

New Bill Offered.

This new Bill will enable Parliament to modify the regulations if they thought it desirable.

Mr. Bruce added that if the strikers returned to work immediately, he might possibly arrange a conference with the ship-owners to discuss the form of the regulations and any amendments proposed by both parties could be included in the new Bill.

Campaign Against Act.

It is understood that a meeting of the Transport and Maritime Workers Unions, a comprehensive plan of campaign against the new Act was drawn up, but that a decision was also reached withholding the operation of the plan of campaign pending negotiations.

The ship-owners to-day issued a statement in which they declared that there is nothing to confer with the strikers about, adding that the law must be obeyed.

Volunteers Active.

Overseas consignment are now being handled without a hitch, though the coastwise traffic is still considerably hampered.

Two brothers were to-day sentenced to one month's imprisonment each for assaulting volunteers.—*Reuter.*

Adelaide, Oct. 4.

A mass meeting of the strikers held to-day decided to resume work immediately under the two pick-up system.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH ALTITUDE RECORD.

LADY HEATH REACHES
NEARLY FIVE MILES.

FINE SOLO FLIGHT.

London, Oct. 4.

Flying solo from Croydon, Lady Heath to-day attained the greatest aeroplane height yet officially in Britain.

The famous lady aviator, who was formerly Mrs. Elliott Lynn, reached a height of over 26,000 feet, or nearly five miles. She accomplished the feat in a "Mota" aeroplane, fitted with a Cirrus engine.

The altitude was recorded by a sealed barograph placed in the tail of the machine.

The previous British official height record was one of 20,000.

TO-NIGHT'S TATTOO.

Early Arrival Strongly
Advised.

Those intending to be present at the Grand Tattoo to-night are advised to arrive early and to take due note of the signs indicating where the various stands are situated.

A military show, the Tattoo starts promptly at time announced—8.30 p.m.—and the stands are then immediately thrown into complete darkness.

Late arrivals only make discomfort for themselves and others as well. Be early!

this having been accomplished by Captain de Haylland.

The greatest unofficially recorded height in England was attained just after the Great War by Captain Lang, who reached a height of 30,000 feet in a D. H. Napier bombing plane.—*British Wireless.*

BOMBAY MILL STRIKE OVER AT LAST.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE.

Bombay, Oct. 4.

After one of the most protracted strikes over affecting the Bombay cotton mills, a temporary settlement has at last been reached and the mill operatives will resume on Saturday.

This desirable result was achieved as a conference between representatives of the Mill-owners' Association and the Strike Committee, presided over by a general Member of the Bombay Government.

It was agreed that work be resumed in the mills on the Government promise to appoint a Committee of three members to investigate the Strike Committee's demands and decide how far they should be met.

The Committee will also consider a standardised schedule of rate, and a standardised muster prepared by the mill-owners and a similar scheme submitted by the Strike Committee.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH AIR MAILS.

WINTER SCHEME TO BE
OPERATED.

London, Oct. 4.

The Postmaster General announces that after to-morrow the supplementary letter mails despatched on Fridays by air to Marseilles to overtake the mails for Egypt, India and Australia will be discontinued for the winter.

Beginning on Monday next, the air mail for Lyons and Marseilles will be sent by ordinary night mail to Paris and thence by air. The afternoon air mails for Belgium and Germany will be suspended, but the morning air mails will remain in operation.—*British Wireless.*

TREASURY FRAUD TRIAL.

EVIDENCE ON THEFT
OF CHEQUES.

DEFENCE QUESTIONS CLERK
REGARDING WRITING.

ASKED FOR SPECIMENS.

The proceedings against Carvalho Yeo at the Central Magistracy, on charges arising out of the loss from the Colonial Treasury of sums totalling \$200,407.93 were continued this morning.

Mr. T. M. Hargrave appeared for the Crown, and Mr. G. A. S. Russ represented the defendant. Mr. F. C. Jonkin, instructed by Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, held a watching brief on behalf of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The first witness called was Mr. Wong Woon-nam, of the Tung Tak Land Investment Company. Witness said that Mr. Leong Kwai-ting was the principal tenant of the sixth floor of the building and witness was his agent.

The first occasion on which witness saw Carvalho Yeo was on September 1, 1927, when defendant went into witness' office, and giving his name as Yeung Tak, said he wanted to rent a room. He claimed that he was a building contractor, his firm being the Min Tak Company which was then trading in Yau-mat.

The defendant explained that he wanted to rent the office to interview clients and to receive correspondence.

Office Rented.

An office was rented accordingly to the defendant who took possession on September 5, 1927. There was little furniture and only a youth, about fifteen years of age, employed.

The office bore the sign of "Min Tak & Co" in English on the door. It was done on a piece of cardboard. Later, two other names, those of Man Lee and Co. and of Katz and Co., appeared on the door as well.

Speaking of the rent of the office, Mr. Wong stated that it was payable monthly and that the defendant or his office boy usually paid it. The rent was generally paid by a cheque on the Instone Banking Corporation, drawn by the defendant on behalf of the Min Tak Co.

On one occasion, said witness, a cheque was returned by the Bank because it bore the chop of the Man Lee Company instead of the Min Tak Company.

No Business.

In answer to Mr. Hargrave, witness said there was no sign of any business being carried on in the office. The rent of the office was last paid on January 5, after which date the defendant was not seen at the office again. The defendant did not give notice to quit.

One day last month, said the witness, he was present at the Central Police Station where an identification parade was held and he recollected picking out the defendant.

Mr. Russ (cross-examining):—Did you see any visitors at all at defendant's office during the day time?

Witness:—No. His office is at one end of the building and mine is at the other.

Did you see anybody going into his office at night time?—I did not.

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Shown the forged cheques, he declared that the handwriting thereon was not that of Tsang or of himself, although it resembled his own somewhat. To the best of his recollection, he had not prepared cheques to the firms named or to the San Cheong firm, nor did he know of their existence until his attention was attracted by the discovery of three items in the pass-book returned by the Bank which he could not trace in the Cheque Register of the Treasury.

He immediately reported his discovery to the Colonial Treasurer.

The Missing Cheques.

He had heard of two cheques books being sent to him each short (Continued on Page 12.)

LESS WATER IN STORAGE.

BIG SHRINKAGE ON HONGKONG
ISLAND.

KOWLOON BETTER OFF.

A decided shrinkage in the contents of Hongkong's reservoirs is disclosed in the return issued by the Water Authority showing the position on October 1st.

On the island, four of the six reservoirs had less water in storage than on the same date last year, the biggest decline being in the case of Tytam Tuk, which contained 320 million gallons less.

The total in storage in Hongkong reservoirs was 2,010.88 million gallons, which represents a drop of 418.75 million gallons compared with last year. The consumption for the month of September was 281.63 million gallons, compared with 314.54 last year, the consumption per head per day being 22 and 25.2 gallons respectively.

Kowloon reservoirs, on the other hand, contained more than was the case a year ago, the increase being 78.68 million gallons. This year's total was 524.19 million gallons and last year's 445.51. Of this increase 32.93 million gallons is represented by the contents of the new reception reservoir which was not constructed last year.

Kowloon's consumption for September was 111.55 million gallons, as against 105.33 last year, the respective daily consumptions per head of population being 22.3 and 21.7 gallons.

TONGSHAN AREA STILL QUIET.

NATIONALIST TROOPS ON
THE MOVE.

Naval wireless messages, dated yesterday, state that the Tongshan mining area is quiet.

The railway authorities have carried out further trials to test the safety of the bridge, and now state that the bridge will probably be opened to traffic to-morrow.

General Chang Tsung-chang is reported to have been at Yung Ping Fu on September 25.

A general movement of Nationalist troops to the west took place yesterday, when approximately 6,500 troops, with transports, passed Kuyeh from the direction of Lanhsien. This movement was preceded yesterday morning by another movement towards the east, the troops concerned numbering about 200 mounted and 700 infantry.

BARON HUENEFELD'S FLIGHT.

STILL APPARENTLY IN
MANDALAY.

Beyond the fact that Baron von Huenefeld, the German aviator, is held up in Mandalay owing to heavy rains which have turned the landing ground into a swamp, there is no further news of the German flight to Tokyo from Europe.

Reuter quotes an unconfirmed message from London reporting Huenefeld's arrival at Hanoi, but this is doubtless the news received from Canton two days ago, which has since been proved incorrect.

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LABOUR REVENUE SCHEMES.

MR. SNOWDEN DETAILS
FINANCIAL POLICY.

HEAVY DIRECT TAXATION ON
PROFITS AND WEALTH.

REORGANISATION PLAN

London, Oct. 4.

A notable speech by Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer during the short-lived Labour Government, was the feature of to-day's meeting of the Labour Party Conference at Birmingham.

Mr. Snowden, the Labour Party's expert on economics, sketched the plan of the Party for restoring the national finances, but his address did not meet with the approval of Mr. Maxton who ventured a sly dig at the speaker, in asking the chairman if Mr. Snowden was their Director of Finance.

Bank of England's Future.

Mr. Snowden concerned himself in his opening with the future of the Bank of England, his remarks being based largely along the lines of his speech in the House of Commons during the debate on the Currency and Banknotes Bill.

He said that an investigation was necessary into the constitution, powers and policy of the Bank of England in the light of modern developments in finance and industry.

New Constitution Suggested.

He paid a warm tribute to the manner in which the Bank of England discharged its powers, but declared that it found itself seriously hampered by an archaic constitution.

The Bank of England should be controlled by a public corporation consisting of financiers, representatives of the Treasury, of the Board of Trade, industrialists, and members of the Labour Party and of the Co-operative movement.

He also urged that municipal and Co-operative Banks should be spread throughout Great Britain.

Direct Taxation.

On the question of the Government financial policy, Mr. Snowden said that if the Labour Party was returned to power they would take immediate steps to replace the present indirect taxation by direct taxation.

He declared that since Mr. Winston Churchill had had charge of the Treasury he had "imposed £40,000,000 in the form of new indirect taxation."

Taxes on Profit.

The national revenue should be raised mainly from realisable profits and large incomes, declared Mr. Snowden, who added that accumulated wealth would be heavily taxed under a Labour regime, while he favoured vastly increased death duties.

Mr. Philip Snowden expressed the opinion that Socialism would become effective through public corporations, owned by the public, and controlled in the interests of the public by the best business brains in Great Britain.

The time was not yet ripe for the nationalisation of the commercial banks.

Wealthy Idler.

He concluded by stating that only the rich idler need view the Labour Party's financial policy with any degree of alarm.

In reply to Mr. Maxton, the chairman said that Mr. Snowden was not yet the Labour Dictator of Finance. No doubt, the speech would be considered by the Executive Committee with the other speeches.—*Reuter.*

WALTER HAGEN MEETS DEFEAT.

DIESEL WINS MATCH IN THE
CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, Oct. 4.

In the third round of the Professional Golf Championship to-day, a sensation was created, Leo Diegel eliminating Walter Hagen. The match ended on the seventeenth green, Diegel winning by two and one.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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BUDGET DAY AT COUNCIL.

GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE ON WATER QUESTION.

THE OFFICIAL REPLY.

The Budget debate at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon caused a fairly late sitting, and, in addition to the two speeches which we gave yesterday, brief addresses were made by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes. The main official reply was made by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, during which he made an important announcement on the water supply problem.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes said: Your Excellency.—As I happen to be the senior European Unofficial member of this Council, present to-day, I desire to associate myself with the colleagues and myself with the views which have been expressed by my honourable colleagues, the senior Unofficial member, and to congratulate him on the masterly manner in which they have been set forth.

I also wish to emphasise the fact that the views expressed by my honourable friend are the unanimous and considered opinions of all the Unofficial members, and I trust that this fact will carry due weight—especially when the most important matter dealt with in the speech calls for further consideration. I need hardly say I am referring to the water question.

A Plea for the Dairy Farm Company.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said: I desire to supplement the remarks made by Hon. the Senior Unofficial member regarding the vote of £20,000 towards the cost of supplying filtered water to the dairies at Diamond Hill, as asked for by the Sanitary Department for reasons of public health. It is gratifying to see that the Government recognise the necessity for providing good potable water to dairies in accordance with the ordinance, and I would respectfully urge that the same consideration be accorded to the Dairy Farm Co. at Pokfulam.

It is clearly laid down by the Ordinance that dairies should be supplied with water from the Government mains, as was pointed out to the Government by the Head of the Sanitary Department in 1924, yet the Company has been forced to provide its own filtering and chlorination plant.

I find, therefore, in the interest of public health, and in justice to the Dairy Farm Co., that the Government give a favourable reply to the recent application which the Dairy Farm Co. has made in regard to this important matter.

Official Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replying said: The tone of helpful criticism that pervades the speeches of the Unofficial Members shows that the Budget proposals as a broad whole have received the stamp of their approval; and the value of those criticisms is greatly enhanced by the evidence of their profound knowledge of local conditions and of their careful examination of the draft Estimates. Resting on this sound foundation, they breathe a spirit of co-operation for the good of the Colony and it is in that spirit that the Government desires to examine the suggestions put forward. It is, I think, fair to assume that no point has been overlooked in the unofficial scrutiny, for even small clerical errors which had escaped attention in the office have been brought to my notice.

The matter of outstanding importance to which reference has been made in the speeches of the Senior Unofficial member and the Junior Chinese member is the water supply. This matter, as you well know, has for many years engaged the anxious consideration of the Government and Sir Cecil Clementi from the day of his arrival threw himself wholeheartedly into the task of finding a solution for the Colony's difficulties for no one has a finer appreciation of the hardships of the community to which the Junior Chinese member has referred, or a deeper sympathy with the Chinese of all classes in any trouble. Dr. Kotowal asked for the longest possible warning of proposed restriction, and this of course, can be readily promised.

Secretary of State Approves.

Honourable members will, I think, be glad to learn that we have within the last few days received sanction from the Secretary of State to proceed with the scheme for bringing water across the harbour from the reservoirs on the mainland, and preparatory work is already in progress to enable the scheme to be carried out. (Applause.) This, as honourable members know, affords the quickest method of providing substantial increase in the water supply of the Island. The Senior Unofficial member has referred to the different views which are held as to the construction of the pipe-line. The matter is primarily one for the engineers and the Government, while taking due note of the views of the Unofficials, feels that it must preserve an open mind until both schemes have been examined in detail and their relative advantages and disadvantages have been carefully weighed. Meanwhile, work common to both schemes will be pushed on with the utmost vigour.

The Government notes with interest the very definitely expressed views of the Unofficial members with regard to the Aberdeen water scheme, and their decided preference for what is known as the second section of the Shing Mun scheme. It must not be overlooked that, while it would be possible to make an early start on the Aberdeen scheme, a good deal remains to be done before the Shing Mun second section can be put before the Secretary of State for approval. The Secretary of State is not unaware of the Unofficial view of this matter, and the views so clearly set forth to-day will be represented to him by telegram before any further action is taken regarding the Aberdeen scheme.

Water Meters.

Before I leave the question of water, two comparatively minor matters remain to be dealt with.

1. Dredging of Pokfulam. It is essential that a supply of water however small should be maintained in Pokfulam Reservoir for certain outlying districts and the difficulty involved in any attempt to dredge the reservoir while maintaining the required supply are very considerable and would probably outweigh any advantage which might be secured. This matter is one to which the engineers have already given consideration.

2. Undue discrimination in issuing meters and policy in the matter of meters. A definite policy is followed regarding the issue of meters in Hongkong on instruction from the Government. Domestic supply meters are not now issued in the Rider Main districts unless in very exceptional circumstances which are reported to Government. Applications for meters of any kind are most carefully investigated by the Water Works Department and very many have to be refused. Delay in these circumstances is inevitable, but the Council may rest assured that every precaution is taken to secure equal treatment for every separate application.

Trade supply meters are issued only to those trades to which water is an essential of the trade and the withholding of the meter would be detrimental to such trade.

To give domestic supply meters within Rider Main districts would make restrictions of little value.

There is no restriction on the installation of meters in Kowloon, where the water supply is adequate.

Recent Windfalls.

The Senior Unofficial member has asked for information on several items connected with Revenue. In the first place he deals with miscellaneous receipts. This item is in its nature one that it is impossible to estimate with accuracy. It so happens that there have been windfalls recently which can hardly be expected to recur. This year, for instance, among miscellaneous receipts appears a total of \$97,088 made up of the sale of Hongkong Government buildings in the Yamen at Canton, some \$27,000 unclaimed balances and over \$12,000 representing profit on investments in the War Loan Sinking Fund. These are very exceptional returns and can hardly be considered in estimating for another year. The Senior Unofficial member referred also to the estimated decline in forfeitures. Forfeitures again are a matter in which exact estimates are impossible. The estimate is admittedly a conservative one.

Expenditure on Stationery.

The possibility that the expenditure on Stationery is unduly high has been referred to by the Senior Unofficial member. His figures, however, need a little revision in the light of the "Miscellaneous Papers" appearing as Item 35 under Head 24. The Government policy is to get as much as possible of the Government printing done in Victoria Gaol and

the reduction in "Miscellaneous Papers" represents a step in this direction, while the increase under Item 42 is accounted for partly by the transfer but to a larger degree by the necessity for purchasing stocks of paper against the work that is to be demanded from the Gaol. Honourable Members will remember that under Head 31 Public Works Extraordinary appears an item of \$41,000 for the construction and furnishing of a new printing shop in the Gaol. This is all part of the same policy and I would ask for sufficient latitude to try the experiment out before judgment is passed on it. It is not at the same time denied that there may be some waste of stationery in the Government departments. Attention of all officers has been particularly drawn to the possibility, and with the concentration of orders at the one centre of the Gaol it is hoped that a check may be provided on any department whose demands tend to become excessive.

Imperial Subsidy.

With respect to the Aerodrome, the Government confesses to a sense of disappointment at the Imperial subsidy as finally voted. The views of the Unofficial members of Council will be fully represented to the authorities in England and if, as seems not unlikely, more work is to be undertaken in the near future and more expense involved, the Imperial Government will be pressed to shoulder a fair part of the burden.

Mountain Lodge Road.

With regard to the road to Mountain Lodge, I notice that the chief objection appears to be the design of the road. I might explain to the honourable members that the road is to be widened as well as graded. I suggest that honourable members might be willing to pass the vote for this road subject to an undertaking by the Government that the details of the proposals will be submitted to the Public Works Committee for scrutiny, and that no expenditure will be incurred without obtaining the further approval of the Council.

The question of the mid-level motor road, to which the Senior Unofficial member refers, will be made the subject of a special investigation by the Government, and views of the Unofficial members will receive the most careful consideration.

Another question dealing with roads on the higher levels was the speech of the Senior Unofficial member and it concerns the question of motor traffic. This question is already engaging the attention of the Government and the views put forward will be given due weight in any conclusions that may be reached.

There is also the question of the incinerator. The matter will be investigated during the year with a view to the inclusion of funds in the next Budget, as soon as a satisfactory scheme has been evolved.

Dairy Farm Water Supply.

The honourable member representing the Chamber of Commerce has amplified the reference made by the Senior Unofficial member to the treatment of the Dairy Farm in the matter of water supply. An examination of the facts will, I think, show at once that no undue discrimination has been shown in this connexion and equally that the Government has been duly careful of the public health. The Dairy Farm premises at Pokfulam are so situated that it is not possible to supply them with water from the Government filtered water mains. There are records of correspondence and discussions dealing with this question which go back to the early years of the century and which show that the Dairy Farm appreciated the difficulties and undertook to provide their own supply through the construction of an extra intake above the level of the Reservoir. In this connection they were assisted by the Government, but the arrangements required for filtering the water to comply with the requirements of the Sanitary authorities became a matter for the Dairy Farm, and still remain so.

It would appear that the treatment meted out to the dairy farmers on Diamond Hill is responsible for the resurrection of this old question, but the cases are essentially different. The Diamond Hill dairy farmers were moved compulsorily by the Government and are in an area which can be supplied with reasonable ease; but even so, the farmers must, in many cases, install pumps. On the other hand, the Dairy Farm chose its own site, with all its water difficulties (and they have always existed) and perhaps other compensating advantages. To construct the works that would be specially required to comply with the Dairy Farm's request at Pokfulam, becomes such a large question that the Government cannot hold out any hope of dealing with it in the near future.

Office Accommodation.

Reference was made by the Senior Unofficial member to the question of Government office accommodation and to the possibility that an intelligent examination might show that a rearrangement of the existing accommodation would do all that is required. It has been suggested to me by an Unofficial member that if one or two of their number could, when the time comes, be associated with the Government officers to whom the enquiry would be entrusted we should come to a conclusion which would be satisfactory to the Council and to the Government servants who have to use the accommodation provided. The Government welcomes the suggestion, and readily accepts the offer of such valuable assistance. This, however, is a matter that can wait over for a few months yet.

Police Estimates.

In commenting on the Police Estimates, the senior member of Legislative Council remarks on the fact that though the total estimate of the department is reduced the reduction is merely a matter of special expenditure and that the vital items of personal emoluments show an increase and that this same increase colours the whole service with a tendency to continue through the years, and he asks in effect for a limit to be set. The Government also would be happy to see their way to end any increase of expenditure, but in these days when money values have fallen and there has been a steady increase in the standard of living, it would be interesting to know whether any prominent commercial concern has been able to set a limit to its expenditure on personal emoluments and to say "thus far and no further." It must not be forgotten also that the increase of emoluments is partly at least accounted for by an increased number of appointments.

The Government here, perhaps more than elsewhere is in such a position that depressed trade and troubles in China (which go hand in hand) tend only to increase official work in the Colony. We get large numbers of refugees with all the extra duties involved for the Police, Medical and Sanitary Department. Money may be short for the expensive luxury of cases in the Law Courts, but branches of building covenants allures to complete contracts add to the work of the Public Works Department, which is already seriously increased by the difficulties of providing water for the increased population. The Imports and Exports office is busier than ever in its work of preventing Hongkong being used as a cloak for a breach of international agreements, and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs' office becomes over-loaded with troubles connected with labour, emigration, and all the smaller worries which unsettled conditions naturally occasion in the life of the people. There is, in fact, no reflex in the Government departments to the depression experienced in commercial concerns. Further, the Government would not be forgiven if the standard of the Colony was in any way "let down" and we found ourselves unprepared to deal with the anticipated revival of business.

Commission on Salaries.

The organisation of the Government Service does not lend itself to rapid changes. It is more difficult under the conditions of the service to reduce staff at any given moment than in commercial firms, and still more difficult to recruit officers with the necessary training at short notice when development becomes rapid. It will, perhaps, satisfy the Council if they are assured that the Government is fully aware of the dangers of extravagance and will spare no effort in the practice of economy. We must, however, be in a position to attract the desired standard of recruit; and the proper road to travel between these difficulties being hard to find, it is a matter of satisfaction to the Government that the Secretary of State has now definitely approved of the appointment of a Commission to advise on the salaries of the whole Government Service from the top to the bottom. The composition of the Commission should be published in a few days and the Government has no doubt that it will be of a nature to inspire confidence in its recommendations. This announcement will also, I hope, make unnecessary any more detailed reply to the Junior Chinese member's representation of the case of the subordinate members of the Service. The Commission will include them also in its purview.

Government's Appreciation.

It remains, Sir, only to express to the Unofficial members the Government's appreciation of their commitments on the "presentation" of the Budget. It must not be forgotten that every head of a department has

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"GIRL SHY."

EXTREMELY AMUSING FILM.

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THE NEW NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT.

DETAILS OF REORGANISATION SCHEME.

Nanking, Oct. 4.

The law governing the re-organisation of the Nationalist Government was formally adopted by the Central Political Council, which also passed a resolution accepting the resignation of T'ai Yuan-pai and appointing Chiang Kai-shek to replace him in the chairmanship of the Nationalist Party Council and appointing Wang Chung-hui as Minister of Justice.

The standing committee of the Central Executive Committee also adopted the law governing the re-organisation of the Nationalist Government and further resolved as follows: "In order that the Kuomintang shall carry out the Three People's Principles in accordance with Sun Yat-sen's 'fundamentals of national reconstruction,' and to train the people in exercising their political power during the period of political tutelage until the inauguration of a democratic government shall have been realised, the Standing Committee of the C. E. C. has decided on the following fundamental principles: firstly, during the period of political tutelage the National Congress of Kuomintang delegates shall represent the National Convention in guiding the people and exercising political sovereignty; secondly, at the adjournment (of the annual session) of the National Congress of the Kuomintang delegates, the political power shall be vested in the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and exercised by a committee; thirdly, the people shall gradually be trained in the exercise of their four political rights, namely election, recall, initiative, and referendum; fourthly, the five political powers of government namely executive, legislative, judiciary, examination and supervision shall be vested in the Government Council of the Nationalist Government which shall have complete authority to exercise them so as to build a foundation for government by popular election during the period of constitutionalism; fifthly, the C. E. C. and the Central Political Council shall direct and supervise the Government Council in the execution of important national affairs; sixthly, the revision and interpretation of the law governing the re-organisation of the Nationalist Government shall be decided and carried out by the C. E. C. and the C. P. C.

Differs from Original.

The revised law governing the re-organisation of the Nationalist Government in final form differs from the original draft in several important aspects. The addition is a preamble which reads: "The Kuomintang of China, in pursuance of the Three People's Principles and the Five Power Constitution, hereby establishes the Nationalist Government, hereby abolishes the Republic of China. The party having swept away and removed all obstacles by military force, and having passed by that of political tutelage, now must establish a model government based on the Five Power Constitution, to train the people so that they will be able to exercise political powers and facilitate the party in hastening the handing over of such powers to the people. Accordingly, the Kuomintang in fulfilling the duty of direction and supervision of the Nationalist Government devolving upon it by virtue of its history, hereby formulates and promulgates the law governing the re-organisation of the Nationalist Government."

The law while dealing with the general organisation and functions of the Nationalist Government leaves the details of organisation of the various councils to be worked out by the councils themselves. Another change is that whereas it is provided in the draft that in event of the chairman of the Government Council being unable to carry out his duties, a councillor should act on his behalf, the law as it stands provides that the Director of the Administrative Council shall exercise the functions of chairman of the Nationalist Government in such a contingency.

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Venetian Shawl.

ITS RAPID PASSING.

English visitors to Venice are at one with the Venetians in deploring the passing of the graceful Venetian shawl. The shops are still selling gaily coloured ones, at prices which would keep the average Venetian working class family for the best part of the dull season, when tourists are not; but these are bought and worn by tourists, mostly from the New World, who have broken the tradition as to colour, and it is hinted, do not know how to put them on to advantage. The real Venetian shawl, black, with handsome fringes, is passing away. The war dealt it a death blow; bobbed hair, "sports" clothes, and the standardization of feminine fashions is giving it a hasty and deplorable burial.

A Society for the Preservation of the Shawl does at various times organize competitions and award prizes to the wearers of the most graceful shawls. Then, every Venetian working girl who can produce or borrow a fine specimen parades in it for one day, and again Venice looks like the city of tradition. But the moment the prizes are awarded the shawl is put away in the family chest and there it remains till the next competition is announced.

The newspapers, the upper classes, many employers of labour lament the passing away of this dainty garment, which gives grace to every woman who has mastered the art of draping it as it should be draped. But the tradition is dead; the "sports" dress has triumphed; imitations are in vogue. The once universal shawl has transferred itself to foreign shoulders and lost much in the process.



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Novel Invention for Powder Puff.

What to do with the vanity case at a formal affair? That question is solved by the accompanying pictures. Pretty Dorothy Knapp worried about it, and even her best friends couldn't tell her. Then she

hit on the following solution: Don't carry a vanity case; simply put your powder-puff in one shoe buckle, and your lipstick in the other. She designed the hol-low modernistic buckles and covered them with rhinestones. The inset below shows how the powder-puff is drawn from its case, and at the right is Dorothy, daintily wielding one while she replaces the other in its buckle. Perhaps the best part of the new invention is that it makes the beautifying process so attractive to watch!



Fashion Notes.

MATCHING ACCESSORIES.

From the evening shoe of gilt or silvered leather to the one of coloured kid is only a tiny step. The very latest shoes for evening wear are made of the softest, finest, most supple kid imaginable in delicate pastel colours.

Sometimes they are "silk kid," a special new kind with a fascinating opalescent sheen, but the majority are first cousins of the dainty little slippers grandmother wore to balls.

Madame la Mode is, indeed, no bitten with the idea of leather for evening shoes that even when satin is worn she decrees that it must be strapped and decorated with self-coloured kid.

Frocks that dip at the sides only are taking the place of those that hang down at the back as well. There is an attempt afoot to make day frocks as well as evening gowns conform to these irregular lines.

The side dip really gives a prettier line than the back one, which is apt to make the wearer's legs oddly conspicuous, especially where light stockings are worn with a dark frock.

Parisian Pyjamas.

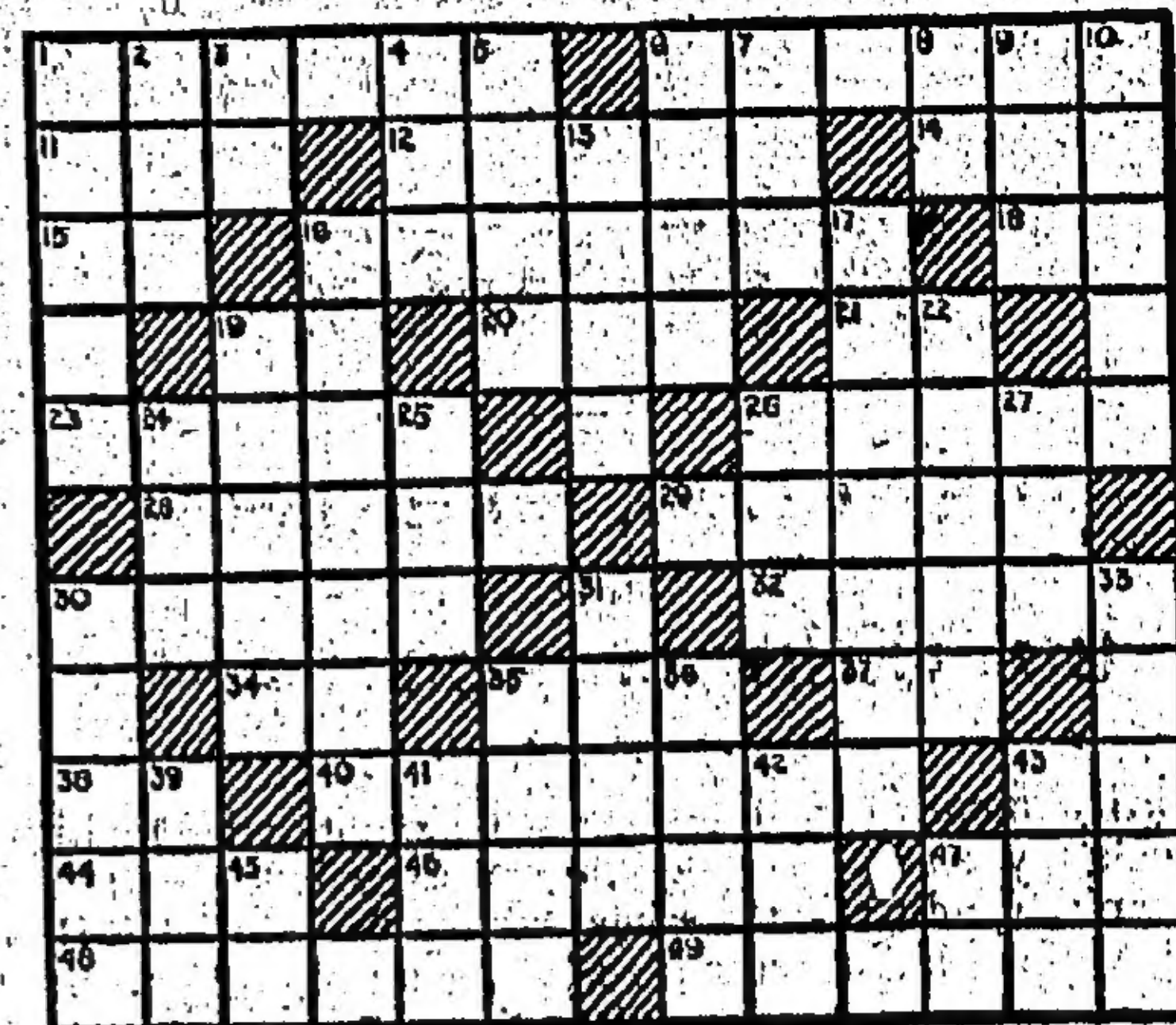
MORE EXOTIC THAN EVER.

Pyjamas from Paris are more exotic than ever. There was a suit in daffodil velvet with a jumper, embroidered in black and silver. The matching georgette coat was bordered with deep black ostrich feather fringe. Wine-red velvet fashioned the trousers and the coat of another pair and the jumper was in eau de nil satin.

All the trousers are finished at the ankles with flared gauntlets and elastic straps to pass under the heels of the mules.

Now that every outfit has to have matching accessories, the one black umbrella is no longer serviceable on all occasions. Or rather, it was not until a few weeks ago, when an ingenious umbrella maker came to the rescue. He has put on the market one frame, with which go half-a-dozen, or a whole dozen, silk covers in different colours. The ferrule unscrews, and the one cover can be slipped off and the other put on in about fifteen seconds. The handle unscrews as well as the ferrule, and the whole affair, frame and covers, can be packed in a 20-inch suitcase.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- Which zodiacal constellation is pictorially represented as a "crab"?
- What constellation in the zodiac is called the "Twins"?
- Sheltered place.
- Austerity.
- A pine tree.
- Exists.
- Demand for the repetition of a performance made by applauding.
- Minor note.
- Mother.
- Grass cut and cured for fodder.
- Dad.
- Whiskers.
- Weapon of war.
- Ghastly.
- What zodiacal constellation is pictured as a "woman"?
- Black and blue.
- Inclination.
- Half an em.
- To perish.
- Dainty.
- To subsist.
- Curried.
- 3.1416.
- As what is the constellation pictured in the "zodiac"?
- Proprietor.
- Simpleton.
- Got up.
- Instantly important.

Vertical

- To ascend.
- Bronze or copper.
- Point of compass.
- Sea eagle.
- Wealthy.
- Blood-stained.

- Before.
- Provided.
- Nothing.
- Angry.
- What animal represents the constellation Capricornus in the "zodiac"?
- Ornament for the car.
- Boxed with the fists.
- Lilac colour.
- Chorus.
- Prophet who trained Samuel.
- Accomplished.
- Kindled.
- To perish.
- What zodiacal constellation is pictured as a "pair of scales"?
- As what animal is the zodiacal constellation "Leo" pictured?
- To float aimlessly.
- Soft feathers.
- Small Australian wren.
- Organ of hearing.
- Eggs of fishes.
- To make a mistake.
- Cooking utensil.
- Third note in scale.
- Whirlwind.

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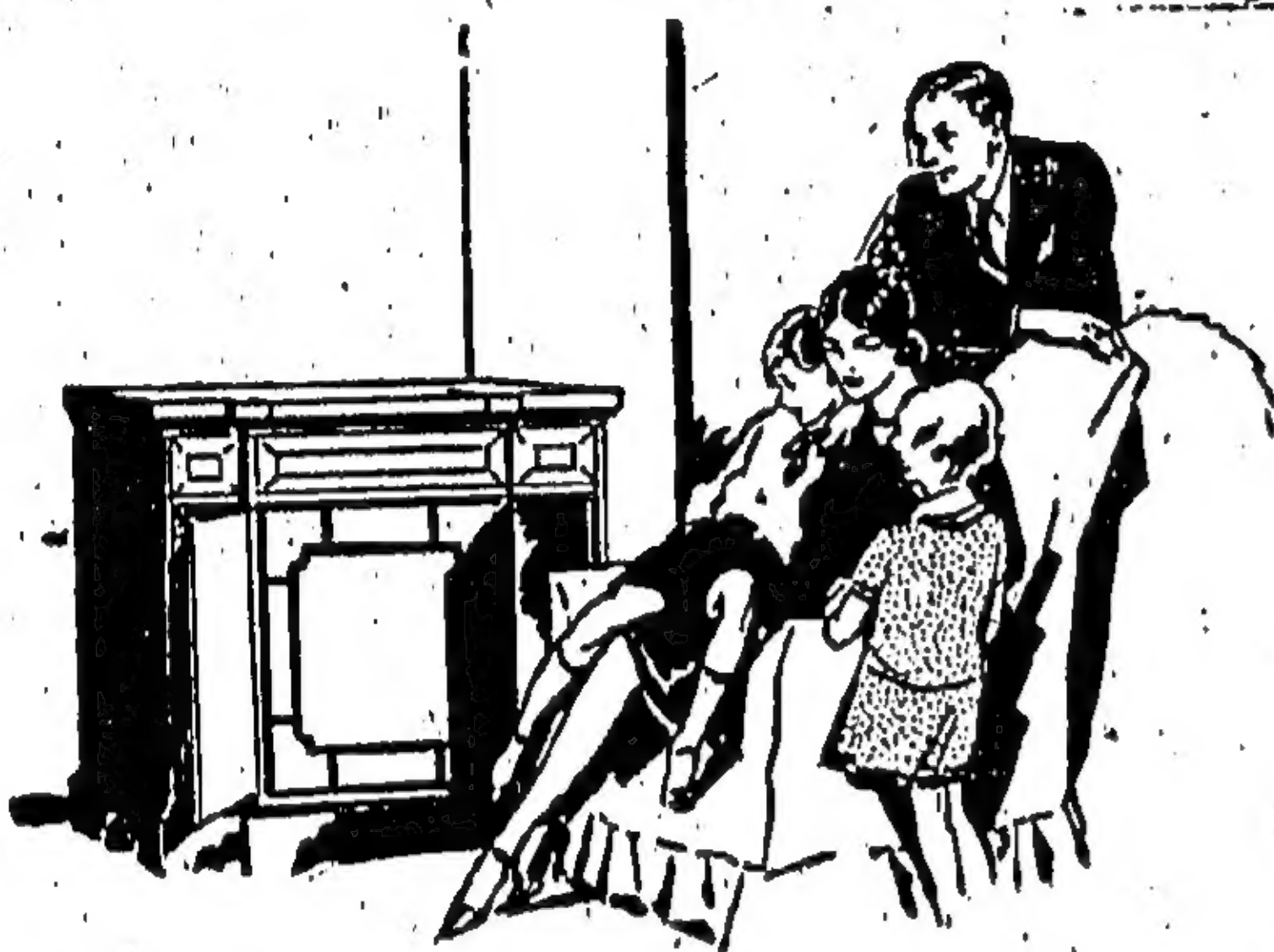
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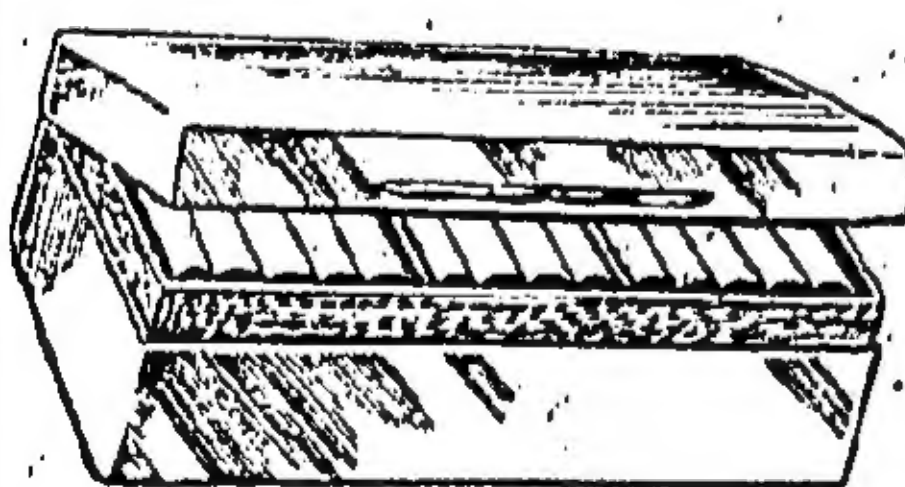
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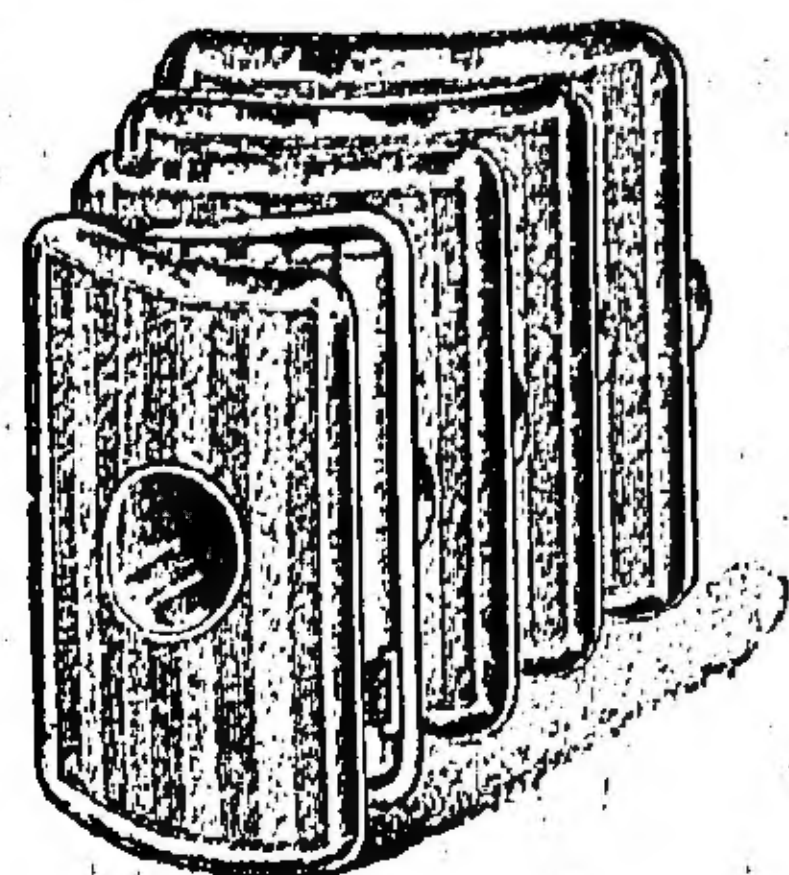
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THE BUDGET SPEECHES.

The task of presenting the Unofficial viewpoint on the Budget debate at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday fell for the most part on the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotowall, and it can be said that they ably discharged their duty. The latter spoke on behalf of the Chinese community, and in explanation of Sir Shouson Chow delivering the main speech it is only necessary to say that he is at the moment the Senior Unofficial Member and the views he put forward were those of the collective body of Unofficials for whom he was no doubt the spokesman by arrangement. That he admirably covered the ground is obvious from a reading of his speech. As was expected, the principal subject dealt with in all the speeches was the water supply problem, which is without doubt the most urgent question with which the Colony is at present faced. On that subject, the Unofficial viewpoint was one with which we find ourselves in general agreement. There were other important issues raised, notably the steady rise in expenditure; which, as Sir Shouson Chow rightly said, has an uneasy way of expanding unless very closely watched. In this connexion we can see little justification for the heavy increase in personal emoluments—so heavy, indeed, that it would have been preferable had the recent costly exchange compensation scheme not been put into effect until the whole question of salaries had been thoroughly explored. We have held from the start that if any class of Government servant needed increased pay it was the subordinate staff, which must be feeling the increased cost of living far more acutely than the members of the higher-paid branches of the service. Of the other matters touched upon, we were gratified to note the strong disapproval expressed in regard to the expenditure of a big sum of money on a totally unnecessary motor-road to Mountain Lodge.

The most important statement made during yesterday's debate was undoubtedly that of the Colonial Secretary with regard to the water problem. After almost interminable delay, much of which strikes us as unnecessary, it has been definitely decided to augment the supply of the island by bringing water across from the mainland. That is something to the good, although it will be many months before the benefits of the scheme will be enjoyed. The Official and Unofficial points of view on this water question do not altogether tally, and we must say that we are with the Unofficials both in regard to the method of tackling the general problem and in their preference for the cheaper of the two pipe-line projects. The Aberdeen scheme may eventually be needed as a supplementary source of supply, but we see no immediate need for rushing into the heavy expenditure which it involves. Far better will it be to push on with the first and second sections of the Shing Mun plan. Indeed, when the vital urgency of additional supplies is considered, we cannot but regret that this work was ever interrupted, whatever else may have had to stand over during the period of economic stringency. On the pipe-line question, the figures quoted by Sir Shouson Chow are most pertinent, especially his remark that even if the cheaper scheme had to be scrapped after five years the total expenditure would be appreciably less than the annual interest charges of the other project. There is the further point to be stressed that it ought to be within the competency of this Colony to say which scheme it prefers. Why in such a purely domestic matter we should have to be dictated to from Home, passes our comprehension. The men on the spot obviously know more of our needs than any Consulting Engineers in London can. The same argument applies to the general water supply question. At the moment, the only comfort we can draw from the latest developments is that something is at last to be done, even if the Colony has not the right of saying what it shall be.

The Postal Strike.

Far from justifying official optimism, the latest developments in the Shanghai postal strike bear an ominous import, and the fear is now freely expressed that not only will the principal postal areas in China be embroiled, but that the industrial dispute will extend to other occupations. The Tientsin Post Office is already affected, while the Peking organisation, fresh from a strike on their own account, have declared sympathy, the only difference being in procedure. Reuter reports that demands similar to the remarkable series issued by the Shanghai strikers, have been presented to the British Commissioner, with an ultimatum that unless a favourable reply is received within 72 hours, a new strike will be declared. Unless vigorous action is taken by the Nanking Government in quick time, a serious hold-up of mails the length and breadth of the country is threatened. And this is by no means the most disquieting aspect of the present situation. There is every reason to believe that extremists are working insidiously in the Shanghai area with the object of reviving industrial strife on a large scale. Rumours of a general strike to take place on Sunday are causing apprehension, but it is as well to await more definite information before taking the matter too seriously. It is, however, significant that notorious Communist leaders, including So Siu-ching, former chairman of the Hongkong Seamen's Union, and Wong Ping, also of Hongkong, are in Shanghai spreading disaffection in accord with the principles of their perverted faith. Meanwhile, it is obvious that the Chinese authorities do not view the situation in its true perspective. They have failed to realise that the Communist agitation is mainly directed against the Nanking administration as at present constituted, and that the movement is more political than industrial. If it grows as it threatens to do, the awakening from the present attitude of mild interest, will be startling to say the least. It may well be that the power of the Nanking Government will be severely tested in the near future, and we need hardly suggest the advisability of precautionary measures now before the trouble becomes really deep-seated.

A marine store dealer was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with receiving four pieces of iron, valued at \$20, knowing the same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained, and with failing to make the necessary entries relating to the iron. The name of Mr. C. F. Thomas, manager of the Wing Sang Co., of Nathan Road, was given as the complainant. The case was adjourned for one week, Mr. C. A. S. Russ having been instructed to defend.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE CAN BE NO FAITH SO FEELIBLE THAT CHRIST DOES NOT RESPOND TO IT.—Alexander MacLaren.

A case of small-pox and another of typhoid were notified yesterday. Both were Chinese.

Captain R. Ritchie has been appointed to the s.s. Anking from the s.s. Klungchow vice Captain Plunkett Cole, who was wounded during the recent piracy.

Captain E. P. Smith has been appointed master of the s.s. Sanning vice Captain McN. Thompson. The vessel sailed for Kowloon last evening with the new master in charge.

The hearing of the case against Douglas Gifford, who was arrested for posing as a police officer and for alleged theft of a quantity of jewellery from No. 300, Temple Street, was fixed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for Saturday, October 13.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and the same number of departures, British holding top place with six under each heading leaving 51 vessels in port, of which 20 were British. Tonnage was fair, but freights were generally low, the total of British cargoes being only slightly more than 3,000 tons.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on a Chinese by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, when the defendant was found guilty of possession of ten Straits Settlement Government notes of \$10 denomination each, which proved to be forgeries. The man was arrested three days ago at West Point.

At the Marine Court this morning, Ho Yuet, master of a cargo boat, was charged with (a) leaving the port without having taken out a clearance and (b) with failing to renew his licence. Defendant, pleading guilty to both charges, stated that he could not read the characters on his licence and thought that he was acting within its terms. It was pointed out that the licence had been issued for six months as from January, but his Worship, giving the accused the benefit of the doubt, inflicted fines of \$10 on the first charge and \$3.50, the cost of a new licence, on the second charge.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended Oct. 5th, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2½d.

A disastrous fire occurred at Wuchow, destroying the greater part of the city. There was heavy loss of life. H.M.S. Robin rendered valued aid.

The Viceroy of Canton was ordered to make enquiries into the delimitation of the Macao boundary.

Amongst those elected to the Committee at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club were Messrs. R. Hancock and H. R. Phelps.

Much interest was taken in the wedding of Capt. P. H. Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, and Miss Hilda Brackenbury.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, the Hon. Mr. (now Sir) Henry Pollock, Messrs. F. W. Carpenter and C. H. Blason were appointed to the Committee.

The Dairy Farm Co. reported a profit of \$50,474 and recommended a dividend of \$1 per share.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Oct. 4.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.00 ½
Berlin	20.86
Copenhagen	18.10
Vienna	14.44
Helsingfors	102 ½
Lisbon	107 ½
Bucharest	77 ½
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Shanghai	1/10 1/32
Yokohama	4.84 27/32
New York	25.10
Geneva	25.10
Milan	22.70
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.10
Prague	103 ½
Madrid	23.92 ½
Albany	67 ¾
Rio	6.29 3/32
Bombay	1/1 1/32
Hongkong	2/0 ¼
Silver (spot)	28.11/16
Silver (forward)	28 ½

—British Wireless.

OBITUARY.

MR. H. PEPPERCORN OF SHANGHAI.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Harold Peppercorn, which took place, after a painful illness, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, on September 28th.

The late Mr. Peppercorn was 49 years of age at the time of his demise. Coming to Shanghai in 1911 from Knockholt, Kent, he joined the firm of Arts and Crafts, Ltd. and was in the service of this company until four years ago, when he set up in business under his own name, as a manufacturers' representative. The firms for which he was agent represented large interests in the British Isles and the Continent.

Deceased was a keen Volunteer and for seven years was a member of "A" Co. He was also an enthusiastic rider, and in this connexion was a member of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club and the Shanghai Hounds. He was also a member of the French Club and the Bowling Club and took a keen interest in the activities of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027.

Deceased leaves a widow and a daughter, to whom the sympathy of many friends will be extended. The funeral of the late Mr. H. Peppercorn took place at Bubbling

LATEST "TELEGRAPH" FEATURE.

Special Art Supplement on Saturdays.

As our readers are fully aware, the Hongkong Telegraph has for many years past been noted for the excellence of its local pictures. Owing, however, to the unsuitability of ordinary newspaper reproduction purposes, we have decided to give our pictures a worthier setting, and commencing to-morrow, we shall publish weekly on Saturdays a Pictorial Supplement on rotogravure paper.

The Supplement will contain two pages of local pictures, a page of illustrated magazine articles of local and topical interest, and an art fashion plate, showing, in advance, the latest trend of feminine wear.

Among to-morrow's pictures will be photographs in connexion with the Anking piracy, the Portuguese Gain Display at the Grand Tattao, the Napier-Newson wedding, two well-known personalities who are proceeding home, a charming snapshot of the new Minister of Union Church and his wife, this season's football teams of the Hongkong Football Club and the King's Own Scottish Borderers, football matches, etc.

In addition to the above, there will be other photographs of general interest. This Supplement will, we hope, be week by week a pictorial record of local happenings worthy of being posted to friends at home. As additional copies cannot be reprinted, readers are advised to make sure of getting their papers early.

Well Cemetery, there being a large attendance of friends and brother-Masons present, the Tuscan Lodge especially being well represented.

Following the service, which was conducted by Dean Trivet, the body was cremated. The chief mourners were the widow and daughter.

Mr. W. J. Clennell.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Walter James Clennell, B.A., which took place at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on September 4. The brief news to hand merely states that death came as a result of a road accident near Trumpington. The deceased was the second son of the late Walter Cash Clennell and was born on July 5, 1867. He passed a competitive examination on July 13, 1888, and subsequently was appointed a Student Interpreter in China in the same year. His record in H. M. Consular service lasted from 1893 to 1925.

The deceased was a very versatile writer. About 1905 he wrote a paper for H. M. Government on the porcelain industry of Chingcheh, Kiangsi, and later wrote a book on Buddhism. Comparatively recently he was requested by H. M. Government to make a report on labour conditions in China and produced an article in pamphlet form on that subject.

A Chinese youth who stole \$20 from the till of a piece goods shop in Queen's Road Central was sentenced to one month's hard labour on pleading guilty to the charge at the Magistracy this morning.

The Very Idea!

That is an interesting project which has been submitted to the Soviet Government for a new town in Siberia, to be financed by the Christian communities and to be conducted "strictly according to the principles of the Gospel," a matter not so easy as its sounds, for most Christian communities seem to develop political parties when they get beyond the original number of twelve—and even then there was a Minority. It will, however, be a pleasure to find on the ever-changing map of the new Russia a town of the uncompromising name of Evangelak; which the curious may compare with the Gospel Oaks of Kentish Town and elsewhere.

(Being the reply of a young person, steeped in the modern business language, to an offer of marriage.)

Dear Sir,—Be yours of even date,
And in reply to same,
In which I notice that you state
The nature of your claim,
I much regret I cannot take
The course desired, for I
Must have more data ere I
make
A definite reply.

I note that you will give to me
Your worldly goods and
self,
Provided that I will agree
To take your own good self.
Though you are not, I am
convinced,
Entirely on the rocks,
I think not only of the Inst.,
But also of the prox.

Some further details I must
know
Than those in yours to hand,
To wit, a schedule that will
show
Exactly how you stand.
A banker's reference will do,
If satisfactory,
Yours faithfully, Amelia O.
Brown (per pro. A. Q. B.).

Sandy asked his manager if he could start half an hour earlier on Saturday and thus be free at 11.30 instead of 12. The manager was willing, but wishing to show interest asked the reason.

Sandy hesitated, and then said—"Well, sir, you see I want to take my girl to the pictures, and if we go before 12 we get in for 4d."

One of the constant difficulties that face counsel in examinations in court is to drag lively replies to questions put to witnesses. It is an old tale how a witness in an assault case, asked to estimate the size of a stone that had been thrown by the defendant, said that it was an ordinary-sized stone; and, when pressed to be more explicit, said that it was about the size of a lump of chalk. But constant examples of this obtuseness are cropping up. In a motor-car case, heard during the sessions of the Criminal Court, at Home, a witness, asked how he estimated that a certain car had been "coming along at 50 miles an hour," replied, "By the pace."

Cyclist at Willesden: Why should I be summoned for riding to the danger of the common public?

Clerk at Tottenham to young woman: Are you married? Woman, blushing: Not at the moment. I have hopes, your worship.

Magistrates' clerk at Tottenham: Do not call her a lady. She may be a lady, but we cannot stand on ceremony here.

Solicitor at Mansfield: Did you dig a hole in the garden path, sink a tub, fill it with water, and cover it with moss for your wife to fall into? Husband (proudly): I did.

Willesden magistrate: This was a long while ago? Man: Yes, the last time before to-day when we had any rain.

Mr. Cairns, Thames magistrate: There is a law to compel a man to do his duty to his wife, but there is not one to make a wife do her duty to her husband. Woman: Is the oppressed!

A man was boasting to some others that he would take any article from a certain shop without being detected. One of the party bet him five shillings that he could not take a box of chocolates.

"You wait here," said the daring one, "and you'll see." With these words he entered the shop, took a box of chocolates from a stand, and walked out. "There you are!" he exclaimed proudly.

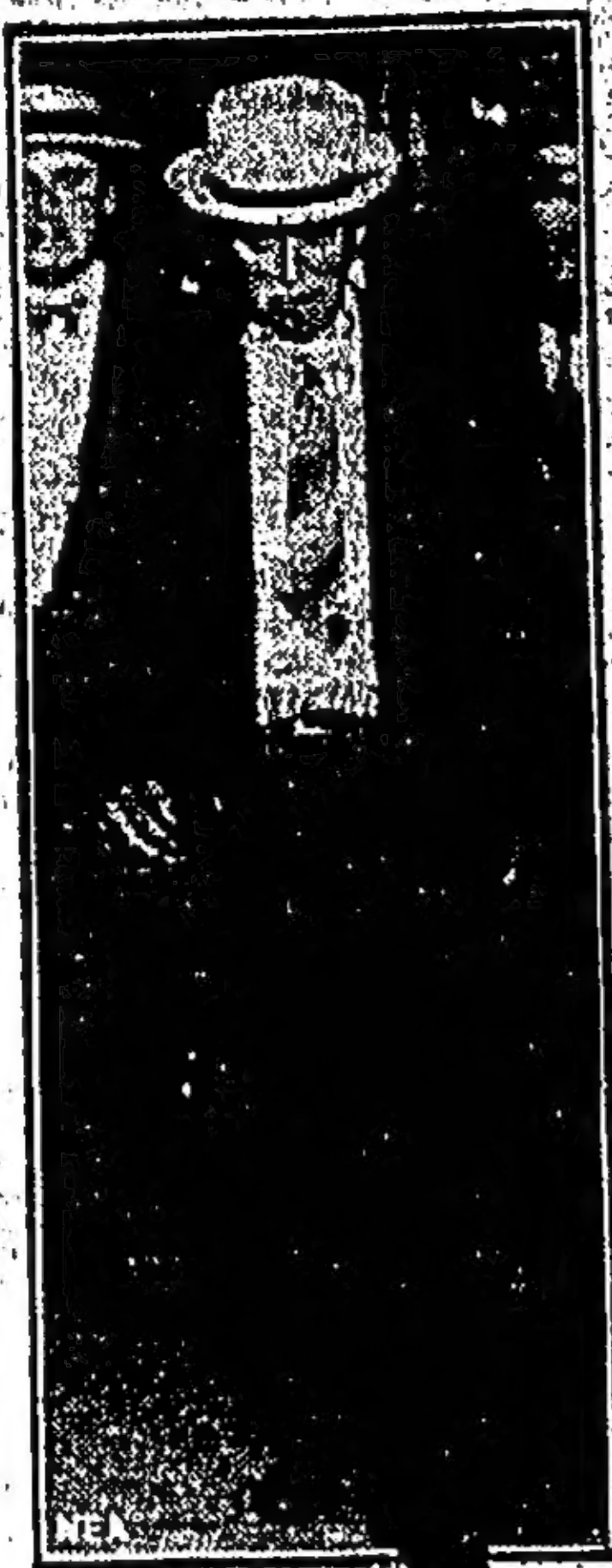
The man who made the bet smiled.

"You're very smart," he answered, "but I happen to be a detective, and I am going to arrest you for theft."

"Just a moment," replied the other. "I happen to be the owner of the shop."



Over twenty were killed and 100 injured in the terrible New York subway disaster last month. It was one of the worst underground tragedies in New York history. The steel car above was crushed like matchwood in a terrible impact with a concrete wall. Acetylene torches had to cut the wreckage in pieces. On the right is Mr. F. Hedley, the president of the company.



Mr. Frank Hedley.



Elephant hunting in city streets is a rare adventure. The picture above shows an elephant killed in the heart of Lewiston, Idaho, recently. Five circus elephants bolted and ran wild through the town. The one shown above had burst into a garage and was wrecking everything in sight when the man shown with the gun brought him down with a well-aimed shot.



An 18-lb "daddy" trout, taken on a light rod and spinner after 50 minutes flight.



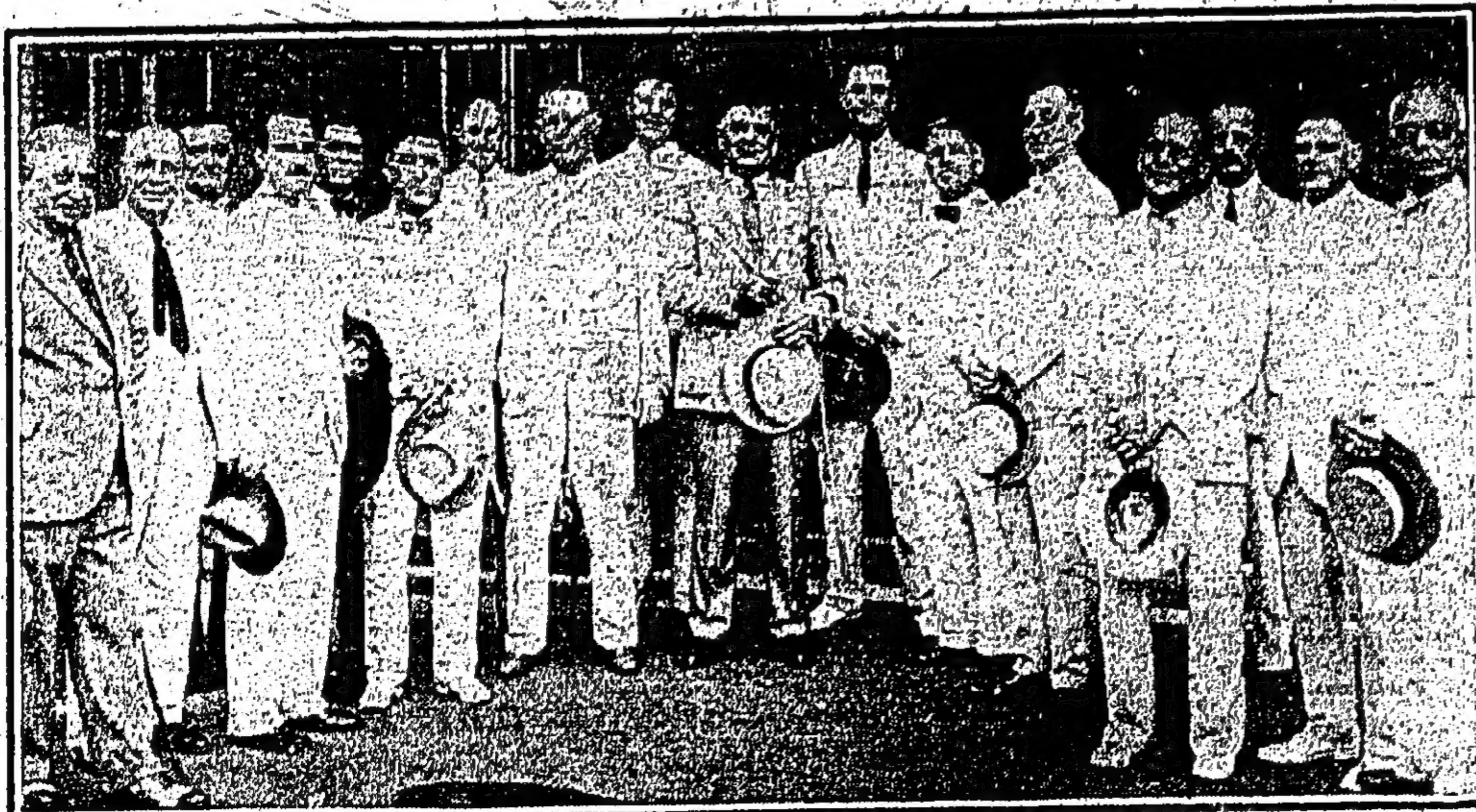
Group taken after the fashionable wedding at the Majestic Hotel Shanghai, recently, when Miss Choylin Yee was married to Mr. Peter S. Wong. A reception and dinner were held afterwards and the newly-married couple left for Hongkong where the honeymoon is being spent.



The ghastly Baltimore ship disaster when six stowaways were asphyxiated as the result of the fumigation of the "Steel Inventor" is recalled by the picture above. The five men at the top were the only ones to escape. At the bottom are shown would-be rescuers.



Taken at a ball at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, recently, given in honour of Shriners, of Islam Temple San Francisco.



Visiting Shriners of Islam Temple, San Francisco, photographed at the American Consulate, Shanghai where they were received recently by the Consulate-General Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham. Sixth from the right is Illustrious Potentate Phil A. Erbes. Mr. Cunningham is on his right. A few Shanghai Shriners are included in the photograph.



Miss Gilda Gray, the U.S. shimmy expert, taken in London. Miss Gray may appear on the London stage.

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NOTICE.

On MONDAY, the 8th October, 1928, all Departments will be CLOSED.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescription from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1928.

NOTICE.

GUARDS ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA

The First Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, 1928, at 5.15 p.m. at Lane Crawford's Restaurant.

All Members and those wishing to join are asked to attend.

L. P. LANE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, October 4th, 1928.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Pavilion on Friday, the 12th October, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

and

Notice is hereby Given that on Friday, the 12th October, 1928, immediately after the holding of the General Meeting, a drawing for the redemption of thirty (30) Debentures will be held.

The numbers of the Debentures drawn will be published in the Hongkong Government Gazette and the local Newspapers, and holders of drawn Debentures may, upon giving notice to the Treasurers waiving the six months' notice to which they are entitled, apply on the 31st October, 1928, to the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, for payment of the principal and interest to the 31st October, 1928.

By Order of the Committee,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1928.

NOTICE.

We have this day removed our offices to China Building (1st floor), Queen's Road Central.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION & DEBT COLLECTION AGENCY.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1928.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6, of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the 8th of October.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Sixth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 6th October, and on Monday, 8th October, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on both days. The First Bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. per day for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at \$5. each per day, up to Friday, 5th October, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of October, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshulpo, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Upset Price
1	As per plan.	2.5	\$1.45

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of October, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Upset Price
1	As per plan.	23.58	\$46,277.50

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No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Upset Price
1	As per plan.	5.81	\$10

MACAO RACES.

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(Weather Permitting) may be obtained from the I. R. C. Macao, Causeway Bay Stables and Rotor Advertising Co.
Entries CLOSE at Macao 2.30 p.m.
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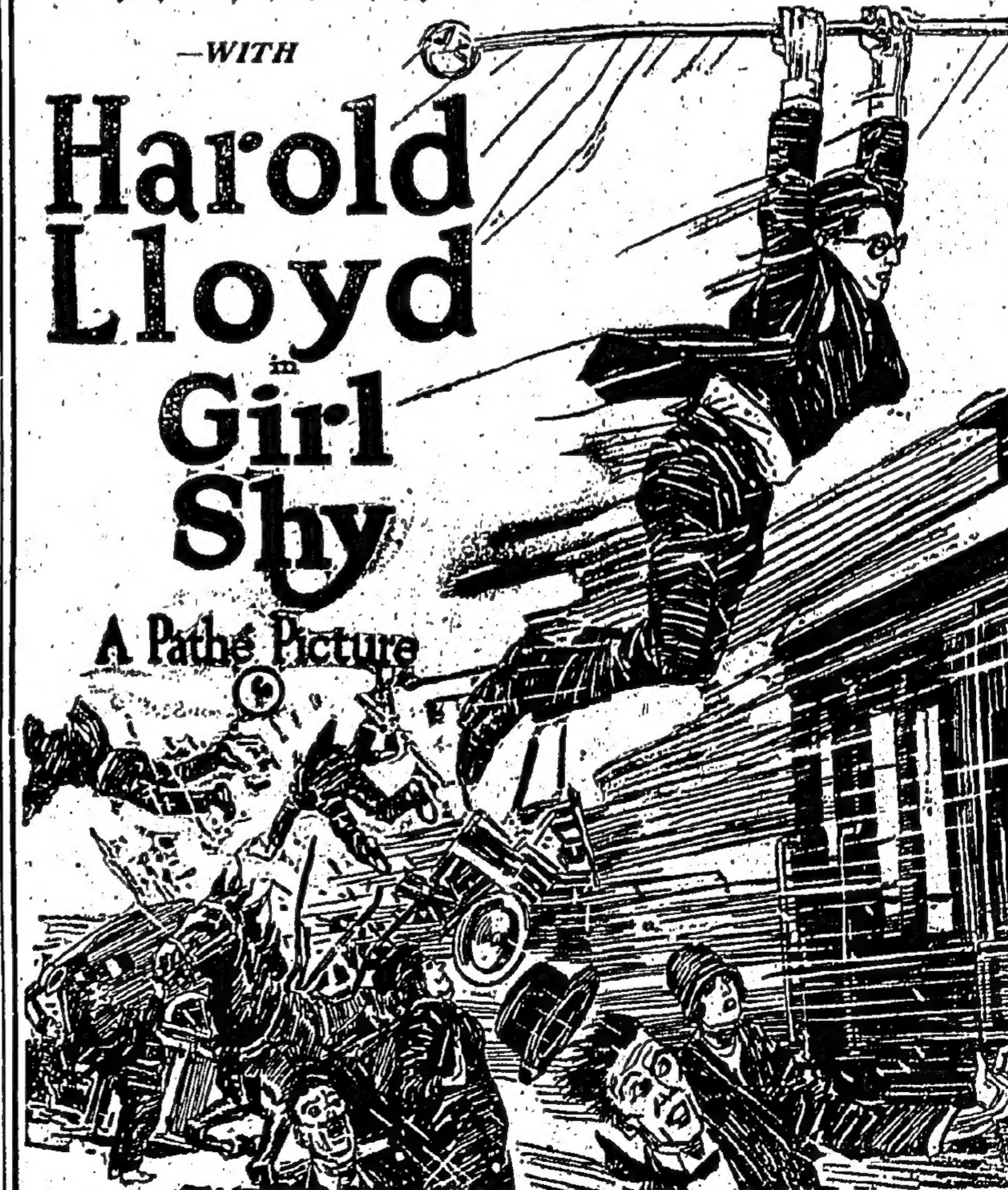
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Hayes	October 6.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only)	Bonares	October 7.
London 6th Sept.	Burma Maru	October 8.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only)	Namsang	October 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	October 8.
Australia and Manila	Changte	October 9.
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan	October 9.
Amoy and Swatow	Cremar	October 10.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	October 12.
Japan and Shanghai	Mora	October 12.
Australia and Manila	Aratura	October 12.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	October 15.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Fri., Oct. 5, 2 p.m.
San Shui and Wuchow	Fri., Oct. 5, 4.30 p.m.
Tourane	Sat., Oct. 6, 5 p.m.
Holhow	Sat., Oct. 6, 9 a.m.
Halphong	Sat., Oct. 6, 12.30 p.m.
Straka	Sat., Oct. 6, 1.30 p.m.
Straka, Ceylon, India, Mauritius	
East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Fushimi Maru

Registration	5th 4.30 p.m.
Letters	6th 9 a.m.
Registration	6th 8.45 a.m.
Letters	6th 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 4th November)	
Hozan Maru	Sun., Oct. 7, 9 a.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand	
via Brisbane	Burma Maru
Registration	Tues., Oct. 9, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10.30 a.m.
(Due Brisbane 28th Oct.)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius	
E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan

Registration	Tues., Oct. 9, 1 p.m.
Letters	1 p.m.
Registration	G. P. O.
Letters	1.45 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 6th November.)	
Suliyang	Tues., Oct. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Madison

Swatow	Kwai Sang
Amoy	Namsang
Shanghai	Hupoh
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Tuan
Straka	Cremar
Shanghai	Chonan
Straka and Calcutta	Hosang

Registration	Tues., Oct. 9, 1 p.m.
Letters	1 p.m.

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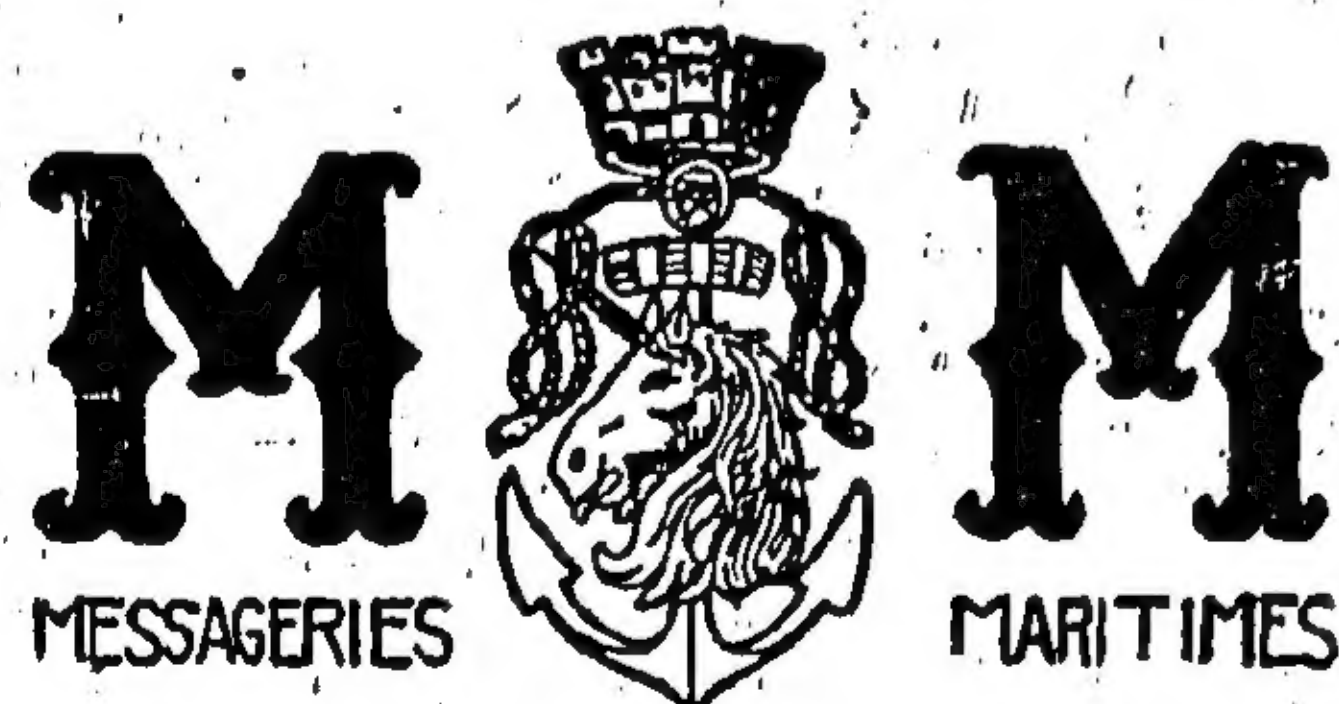
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COUNCIL MEETING.

TRIBUTES TO MRS. HICKLING AND MR. JACKMAN.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) presided over a meeting of the Legislative Council held in the Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon, at which the Budget was considered and approved.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie took the oath and their seats as members of the Council.

Sad Occurrences.

At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government said: Hon. Members of the Legislative Council. Since our last meeting two events have occurred which have spread a feeling of great sorrow throughout the Colony.

The death of Mrs. Hickling M.B.E., on 22nd September last took from the ranks of the medical profession in Hongkong one of its most distinguished members and from the Government Medical Department one of its most devoted servants. Honoured by all classes of the community and revered by the poor, to whom she had devoted her life, Mrs. Hickling carried out her duties with unflinching zeal, undaunted by her own severe illness, till within a few days of her death. Today the Colony mourns the loss of one whom to know was to admire, and only those who knew her well know how great that loss is.

On Saturday last the news of the dastardly piracy on the a.s. "Anking" sent a thrill of horror throughout the whole Colony. Taken by surprise the Chief Officer, the Chief Engineer, and the Quartermaster of the ill-fated ship were foully murdered and the Captain and Third Officer severely wounded—gallant men all, who suffered and fell in the execution of their duty. No words of mine can adequately express the indignation of the Colony at this gross outrage on a British ship on the high seas. The murderers have for the moment escaped with their captives and their booty, but the Government to which they are subject has undertaken to seek them out, and it is our earnest hope that the Government of Canton will give proof of its ability to maintain law and order by exacting a just and speedy vengeance on those who planned and perpetrated this outrage.

There is another occurrence to which I know you would wish me to refer. On 4th August last, after a long illness aggravated by overwork in the service of this Colony, there passed away our friend and former colleague, Mr. Henry Thomas Jackman, late Acting Director of Public Works.

His devotion to duty and his sterling worth are fully known to those of you who were associated with him during his many years of useful service in Hongkong; I knew him for but a short space of time, yet learned to realize and to appreciate his loyalty and his devotion to duty. We all deeply regret that he should not have lived to enjoy the rest he had so well earned.

Gentlemen, I ask you to rise and pass in silence a vote of sincerest sympathy with the relatives of whose loss we mourn to-day.

University Scholarships.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, in accordance with notice, asked the following questions:

Will the Government state:

(a) The year when the scheme for the Training of Teachers at the Hongkong University was inaugurated?

(b) The total number who have entered the University with Government assisted Scholarships in each year since the inception of the scheme?

(c) Total cost to the Government for each of these years? and grand total cost to date?

(d) Number of graduates who have left the Government service before the expiration of the two years' teaching in Government Schools?

(e) Number of Scholarship holders who did not complete the degree course?

(f) Number of Scholarship holders who did not complete the degree course, but who are still teaching in Government Schools?

(g) Number of Scholarship holders who for different reasons have been called upon to forfeit bonds and otherwise make good to the Government?

(h) Total amount of such refunds to date?

The Colonial Secretary replied: (a) The scheme for the training of Teachers at the Hongkong University was inaugurated in 1917.

(b) The total number of those who have entered the University with Government assisted Scholarships in each year since the inception of the scheme is as follows:

Year	No.
1917	3
1918	3
1919	3
1920	5
1921	11
1922	4
1923	12
1924	9
1925	8
1926	6
1927	5
1928	8

Total 77

(c) The total cost to Government for each of these years is as follows:

Year	Amount in \$.
1917	498
1918	3,484
1919	4,852
1920	7,683
1921	10,910
1922	21,338
1923	32,780
1924	40,335
1925	45,285
1926	40,755
1927	32,110

The cost for 1928 will not be known until the end of the year. The total cost to end of 1927 is \$240,630.00.

(d) The total number of graduates who have left the Government service before the expiration of their two years' teaching in Government schools is four. Of these one was permitted to resign to take up appointment in Dutch India; one was dismissed and forfeited his security; one resigned and paid bond and forfeited security; one has recently left without permission and his case is under consideration.

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Two girls and the driver of a motor-cycle on the pillow seat of which they were riding are in Bridgnorth Infirmary following an accident.

4 mentioned in reply to question (1).

(f) The number of scholarship holders who did not complete the degree course but who are still teaching in Government schools is 4.

(g) The number of scholarship holders who for different reasons have been called upon to forfeit bonds and otherwise make good to the Government is five.

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The Council adjourned sine die.

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THE FRENCH BUDGET.

SURPLUS OR DEFICIT?

Paris, Oct. 4.

M. Poincare, addressing the Finance Committee of the Chamber referring to the additional expenditure proposed by the committee, said that this would transform the estimated surplus of 55,000,000 francs in the 1929 budget into a deficit of 20,000,000. The Government would resign if the budget was not passed with a surplus by December 31. He rejected the idea of reducing the army and navy estimates, which were already the lowest possible. The committee must create fresh sources of income but he would not consent to an increase of taxation.—Reuter.

BRILLIANT TATTOO SUCCESS.

FIRST NIGHT DRAWS THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS.

MANY COLOURFUL SCENES.

Varied, colourful and impressive were displays given last night at Sookumpoo Valley on the occasion of the first of the three nights of the Grand Tattoo in aid of military benevolent organisations and the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.

Thousands of spectators gathered to witness the unique spectacle provided, and the measure of support given must have been most gratifying to the organisers. It was in every respect a magnificent show, presented with that thoroughness and precision which we have come to associate with the Army.

Last night's programme was such as to suit all tastes, varying from typical Scottish displays to weird Indian and Chinese performances and realistic battle scenes. Possibly the most colourful were the Gathering of the Clans, the Surrender of Edinburgh Castle and the Torchlight Tattoo. All were most realistically given, whilst the playing of the massed military bands on the opening of the Tattoo was most inspiring.

The word "tattoo" is defined in the dictionary as the beating of drums recalling troops back to barracks. In a wider sense, it denotes a military pageant by night, in which the harmony of motion, on a large scale, made possible only by the participation of a mass of well-drilled men, is presented by means of torchlights and other devices against a dark background.

The huge concourse which assembled at Sookumpoo Valley last night soon discovered that the first Tattoo which this Colony has ever seen was even more elaborate than the public had been led to hope. In planning the scheme, the Working Committee of the Grand Tattoo had taken into full account the natural advantages provided by the physical contour of the Valley and had so admirably arranged matters that the depression of the Valley is one vast amphitheatre and the green sward of its floor a vast open-air stage. The scenes are enacted against the dark background of the hills, faintly outlined in the night against the sky, and the effect of space is lost when searchlights get to work focussing high spot-lights and bringing each scene into spectacular relief against the surrounding darkness.

Last night there was no route converging to the Valley that had not its stream of humanity, moving on foot or in vehicles long before the hour fixed for the opening of the Tattoo. The well-conceived arrangements for the regulation of this huge flow of traffic and its subsequent dispersal along convenient channels in the basin of the Valley, without any serious hitch, was a triumph of co-operation between the various organisations concerned, and greatly helped towards the general success of the Tattoo.

Castle and Hamlet.

As the spectator enters the Valley his attention is first drawn to a replica of Edinburgh Castle, which, erected against the southern side of the Valley, occupies a central position and is the pivot on which much of the interest of the Tattoo is hinged. Long ere this, the Indian Recreation Club pavilion had disappeared from view, and masked, camouflaged and disguised under ingenious treatment, it now emerges anew as one of two cottages in a scenic presentation of an ancient Scottish hamlet. When not in use, both Castle and Hamlet are blotted out by the darkness, but a fanciful mind has saved the former from complete oblivion at such moments by conceiving the idea of illuminating the facade from the interior, with most happy effects. The spectators' stands with seating accommodation for 6,000 are arranged on three sides of a rectangle before the Castle, that for His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Minister of the Tattoo and other officials and their ladies occupying a very central position opposite.

The Opening.

The opening of the kind held in the Colony, was signalled by the firing of three guns, and, as the sound of the last report died away amongst the hills, the Castle clock chimed the hour. With the last tuneful note, there shot out into the darkness dazzling rays from searchlights operated from behind the stands. They criss-crossed and finally came into focus on the Castle, through wide open, which, now glowing was seen to military debouch on to the arena, pass and debouch on to the arena, from the 5/15th Punjab Regiment, later inspected by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government. They took a position to the right of the Castle Gates.

Then the Massed Bands and Drums of four military units, namely, the 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, the 2nd Bn. The

as the "warriors" appeared in view, filing along winding paths, which, in the uncertain light of magnesium flares gave the illusion of glens and mountain fastnesses, it would seem that a bit of Caledonia, stern and wild, had been transplanted into this corner of Sookumpoo.

The personnel taking part in this scene were as follows:—Villagers from the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club and the Hongkong Reel Club. Chieftain, Kinsmen, Clansmen and pipers from 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The Khattak Dance.

The spirit of war was continued in the next scene in which were seen a number of Indian, slinky figures dancing around a camp fire. These were Khattak hillmen, warriors of a fierce Indian frontier tribe, who were giving expression to an uncontrollable impulse by whirling, leaping and madly gyrating around the fire, against which their lean figures were outlined in a medley of grotesque motions.

Faster and faster did the tom-toms beat, and madder and madder grew the pace of the dance. Sometimes the pace and beats died down, and the dance then became a poetry of rhythmic motion, but this was only for a moment. With the tom-toms sending out the call for quicker and quicker motion, the dance was resumed with renewed and apparently unquenchable energy. It was a scene, not to be easily forgotten, wild and grotesque in the extreme.

The Khattak Dance, which was given by men of the 3rd/15th Punjab, was loudly applauded.

Torchlight Evolutions.

The torchlight evolutions, which followed on the Khattak Dance, provided a rare sight. They were performed by 440 non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Regiment, and it was evident from the first that the scene was one which must have entailed an immense amount of drilling before the various evolutions could be performed in all their intricacy. The arena was now in darkness, soon to be broken by points of light which appeared to flow in from three different sources. These merged, in a pattern of green and red, into an undulating stream, as the men moved in circles, the movement imparting a wavelike effect to the spectacle.

On reforming, the points of light sort themselves out and the word "TATTOO" was formed, being presented to the view from the stands on an inclined plane. The evolution was smartly performed.

In the third evolution, the pattern was of an even more intricate character. It was the formation of a Crown having its green and red jewels at the base, the red Maltese Cross in the centre, and its sides flanked by green fleur-de-lis. The result was a glittering design of green and red lights, which was most effective.

The Battle Scene.

In a welter of light produced by the combined rays of six powerful searchlights, flooding the arena from end to end, a battle scene was next enacted under realistic conditions suggestive, as was stated in the programme, of a military operation at an outpost of the Empire.

A native fort at the far end was the objective of an attack by a British column, and the events leading to the attack, as well as the insight which the actual carrying out of the operation gave of military tactics, were an engrossing and thrilling nature.

The spectator was shown the manner in which spies reconnoitred around an enemy's camp at night; the sounding of the alarm from the camp; the direction of the attack, (with a fort as the objective); and the partial destruction of the fort by field and mountain artillery. The action culminated with the capture and holding of the Union Jack over the fort, to the accompaniment of much firing.

While it lasted, the spectator experienced thrill after thrill from the crackling of rifles, the spluttering of machine-guns and the deeper note of the big field pieces. The noise was echoed and thrown back from the hills, the effect being a very realistic representation of the roar of battle.

There were many casualties, to judge from the activities of the stretcher men who picked up the wounded and rushed them to a hospital post. This constituted another interesting phase of field activities, and should furnish valuable training for members of the Hongkong Ambulance Brigade who took part.

Altogether, the battle scene was a decidedly clever presentation.

The personnel taking part in this scene were from the follow-

ing units:—Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, R.A.; 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers; Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (Motor-Cycle Machine-gun Section); Hongkong Mule Corps; St. John's Ambulance Association (Hongkong Branch).

Lion and Dragon.

For this first night of the Tattoo, the Chinese community had arranged a typical national item in the form of Lion-playing and manipulating the Celestial Dragon, both of which were very acceptable, adding variety to an already imposing programme.

Again the arena was thrown into darkness, then a spotlight picked out the enormous head of a lion, whose gawdy coat of countenance registered much amusement as it followed an elusive ball stuck to the end of a pole that was dangled before its eyes. The Lion was played by two men whose legs completed the necessary quadruped effect. It was followed by a second lion of smaller dimensions, veritably a "Little Un" which was manipulated by one man and which followed the "Big Un" as a cub would follow its mother. The movements of the lions were timed by the throbbing of a drum and the beating of a gong.

Long and loud was the applause which greeted this display.

A dragon of equally fearsome aspect and of abnormal length next fled a sinuous course into the arena, on a hundred legs, its head and body illuminated to produce a most bizarre appearance. The smoke of incense sticks rose into the air to proclaim that this scene was essentially an Oriental one and was the Chinese community's very own.

Surrender of Edinburgh Castle.

Then came the final scene of the Tattoo, which had as its centre piece the imposing replica of Edinburgh Castle. The mind was taken back to a period 240 years ago, when the Highlanders loyal to King James fought with King William's troops at Dunkeld and Killcrankie and were defeated. The surrender of Edinburgh Castle,

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

The United States, Denmark and Portugal were the first countries to have Consuls in Hongkong? Mr. F. T. Bush acted for the United States in 1845, Mr. J. Burd was appointed Danish Consul in 1847, whilst in the same year Mr. F. J. de Paiva was appointed for Portugal.

that emblem of Scottish power, followed as a matter of course. As it was enacted last night, the scene was vivid and impressive as a military spectacle and strangely poignant when one mused over the fortunes of the ill-fated House of Stuart, and the blind loyalty which those Highlanders of old extended to a dynasty with which Scotland was so closely associated, for weal or woe, for many hundreds of years.

Again the pipes which had waited over many sad doings in Scotland's history were heard in slow measure from the distance and into the light now converged on Edinburgh Castle and showing its battlement and keep in sharp relief, a column of men marched and took up a position before the stately edifice. Followed other deployments, and then there came a summons at the Castle Gates demanding that they be thrown open for the entry of the King's soldiers. This was eventually obeyed, and the change-over made.

The King's soldiers were those which were sent under the command of General Mackay to take over the garrisoning of the Castle, and the fiery old Highlander who emerged with as much dignity as he could command under the circumstances was the Duke of Gordon who had held the Castle long and faithfully for this King. Both forces were dressed in the colourful authentic dress of the period. It was a joy to behold the clockwork precision with which those who now impersonated the campaigners of old marched and deployed to the deeply moving tune of a slow march. The light which glinted from the bayonets, and the soldiers' faultless array, made an impressive sight as the troops slowly vanished into the interior of the Castle.

The one would not have been complete without the ceremonial attendant upon the change-over between the guards. This took place before the Castle Gates with every military detail.

A curious coincidence, adding further interest to the scene, is that of the six Regiments which fought at Dunkeld, three have their modern counterparts who are

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MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

The Helena May Musical Season—Miss Hansen's Farewell—The Piano as a Domestic Instrument: a Defence.

[BY "ALLEGRO"]

The Winter programme of Concerts at the Helena May Institute has been published and the organisers have followed the plan adopted last season of arranging special concerts for different kinds of music. Each recital is allotted to a particular person who is responsible for the details of its programme, the names of the organisers being given on the syllabus.

On Oct. 25th, Mrs. Hargreaves-Browne is arranging a Gilbert and Sullivan concert and on Jan. 10th a programme of modern French Music. On Nov. 8th, 22nd, and Feb. 7th there will be ordinary Musicales of Chamber Music run by Mrs. Bonenfant, Mrs. Balean and Mrs. Bellamy, respectively. Mrs. Davenport Browne's concert on Dec. 13th is devoted to Music of Childhood. On Jan. 24th and Feb. 21st, there will be two Piano and Song recitals, the first by Mrs. Cashman and Mrs. Clements, and the second by Mr. and Mrs. Bowes-Smith; while on March 7th Mrs. Womack is getting up an Operatic and Costume Concert. To wind up the season, the March 21st concert will be a miscellaneous one, given by all the artists.

The concerts are, as usual, open to the public and tickets should be applied for in advance. There was not a very large audience for Miss Hansen's final violin recital, but it was a good attendance for Hongkong and in view of the fact that it was her third concert it may be taken as a tribute to her artistry that so many came to hear her again. On this occasion, Miss Hansen laboured under the disadvantage of having a strange instrument to play on, owing to her own two violins being badly affected by the tropical climate, and although Mr. Braga's *Mangini* is a beautiful instrument one felt in the first part of the programme that the artist would rather have become better acquainted with it beforehand.

Miss Hansen is to give some concerts in Shanghai, prior to her tour in Japan, and then she will visit Java. She is looking forward to the voyage from Java to Marseilles as the only bit of real holiday for several months to come; the rats at which these concert artists are hurried on from one place to another in fulfilment of a contract precludes them from enjoying the sights of the Far East at leisure, and it was rather a shock to learn on her return visit here that Miss Hansen had not even been up the Peak!

The next big artist to visit us will be Molschewitch, the pianist, but the date of his recital is not yet known.

In the last Jottings, we quoted a passage in Winifred Ponder's book on Clara Butt which reported her as saying that Melba advised her to sing "muck" in Australia. Melba has denied saying any such thing, and Clara Butt has arranged that the offending passage shall be eliminated from future issues of the book. What is "muck"? Is it musical fare that one dislikes or is it "inferior stuff"? If it is the latter, it cannot be denied that many singers of our time (Melba is among them, and McCormack is one of the worst offenders) have included in their programmes songs of a cheap type, as a concession to the supposed popular taste, or lack of taste, and I think that Schumann, in *Musical Opinion*, is right in classing both Melba and Clara Butt among the singers whose "influence on the popular taste of their time had to be fought against." Florence Austral, Dorcas, and such singers do not foil on us in the final group on their programmes the kind of stuff that Melba used to provide. McCormack's final group is sometimes enough to make one heave!

One often hears the view expressed that with the advent of wireless and gramophones, the art of piano-playing will soon die out, and it is interesting to note that the *Daily Express* has been organising a National Piano Playing Contest to encourage the art of piano playing. There are four grades of performers, the youngest age of the entrants being eight, and test pieces have been written specially for each grade. At the Kingsway Hall recently Harold Samuel played through all the ten test pieces, while Dr. Malcolm Sargent, the conductor, spoke about them, and an audience of nearly two thousand participants in the contest attended the glorified music lesson, which was also broadcast.

In the *Express* pamphlet dealing with the competition the following defence of the Piano appears, and I would commend it to all

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[By "Wanderer."]

On Wednesday in these columns, I ventured an outline of the various problems confronting local soccer circles, and surveyed, as far as able, the position in which the League as a whole finds itself at the commencement of a new season.

To-day, it is necessary to deal specifically, if briefly, with the prospect of the various clubs. The campaign opens to-morrow, with a programme of eleven matches, and new hopes and anticipations will be given their first serious test.

The last three weeks have passed all too quickly for some. Team-building has occasioned a great deal of hard work and one or two clubs are not fully satisfied with the net result of their labours. In the main, however, it may be said that optimism prevails in most clubs, and that the prospects are extremely satisfactory.

The fixtures list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and the referees appointed, is as follows:

Senior Division.

Kowloon v. Chinese Athletic, Kowloon, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. F. Smith.
R.A. v. Police—Chatham Road, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. W. Mackie.
Recreio v. Small Units—King's Park, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. E. Atkinson.
H.K. Club v. South China—Club, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. J. W. Baker.
Royal Navy v. Queen's—S. China, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. J. Gilbert.

Junior Division.

Recreio v. St. Joseph's—Recreio, 3 p.m.—Mr. E. Hutchins.
S. China v. S. China "B"—South China, 3 p.m.—Mr. W. Lamb.
Small Units v. R.A.—Chatham Road, 3 p.m.—Mr. T. G. Stokes.
R.A.F. v. Royal Navy—Navy ground, H.V., 3 p.m.—Mr. Ip Kau-ko.
Kowloon v. Eastern F.C.—Kowloon, 3 p.m.—Mr. G. Sheed.
Chinese Ath. v. University—Club, 3 p.m.—Mr. J. W. Grieve.
The following will represent St. Joseph's:—T. Leonard; D. Leonard; J. Ward; Y. Hachuma; L. Souza; R. Ayock; S. F. Reed; C. Rocha; M. K. Omar; L. Castilho.

The H.K.F.C.

The Colony's oldest club, the Hongkong Football Club, which opens with a match against South China, views the new season with a greater degree of confidence than for many seasons past. The majority of last year's first eleven are still available, and, what is more promising, there has been an influx of good material. Mr. A. H. McBride is the new captain, an honour which his great work last season richly earned.

The team selected for the first match of the season will be worth watching. Only Scott, the best forward of the last campaign, retains his place in the attack. B. P. Massey, G. D. Reid, W. E. Peers (all new blood) and A. Trambitsky, of the Reserves, filling the vacancies.

I. J. Logan is a goalkeeper new to Hongkong football, but it is expected that George Rodger will return from home leave early in the season to resume his position. H. G. Wallington is also an absentee expected back soon, and Holt figures in the right back position, partnered by C. W. E. Bishop, the former interport player.

The strength of the side, as of old, lies in the half-back line, where McBride, Jimmy Stewart and J. Watson make one of the strongest lines in the League.

South China.

Their opponents were the League's weakest team a season ago, but much good work has been put in during the close season and a very strong side will be available for Senior matches. Their merit may be judged by a fine victory over the Loh Hwa team last weekend, and the Club will be prepared for a stern tussle.

The Champions.

The champions, Chinese Athletic, have lost the services of two star players; I understand; Ng Kam-chuen and Li Wai-koon. This will make a material difference to their form, and their chances of again winning the championship are not particularly bright. Nevertheless they comprise a very formidable combination and will defeat more teams than defeat them.

Kowloon Changes.

To-morrow they visit Kowloon. The Kowloon Football Club have

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR WEEK-END.

The starting times at Fanling on Sunday are as follows:—
9.24 a.m.—H. A. Lammet and T. Ramsay.
9.28 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and D. Forbes.
9.32 a.m.—P. W. Massey and L. Garner.
9.36 a.m.—E. R. Hallifax and A. N. Other.
9.40 a.m.—D. G. G. Macdonald and G. P. Honey.
9.44 a.m.—W. J. Clerk and F. H. Swayne.
9.48 a.m.—Col. Lynch and J. W. I. Cowan.
9.52 a.m.—W. J. S. Key and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.56 a.m.—J. S. McEachran and D. J. Gilmore.
10.00 a.m.—H. Rogers and F. G. Fowle.
10.04 a.m.—J. H. Ratkiss and R. A. Green.
10.08 a.m.—G. E. Ellams and S. T. Butlin.
10.12 a.m.—J. L. Pearson and X. Brown.
10.16 a.m.—A. Ritchie and E. M. Bryden.
10.20 a.m.—G. E. E. Tytler and G. M. Hall.
10.24 a.m.—A. C. I. Bowker and R. K. Hepburn.
10.28 a.m.—J. P. Sherry and T. S. Morrison.
10.32 a.m.—N. H. Proctor and N. G. Mills.
10.36 a.m.—G. Murray and L. R. Andrewes.
10.40 a.m.—C. H. Eldridge and M. D. Scott.
10.44 a.m.—E. D. Black and S. J. H. Fox.
10.48 a.m.—W. A. Weight and H. A. Mills.
10.52 a.m.—E. P. Streetfield and R. P. Moodie.
10.56 a.m.—A. Leach and F. Taylor.
11.00 a.m.—A. T. Lay and N. Croucher.
11.04 a.m.—I. W. Shewan and K. S. Morrison.
11.08 a.m.—J. Thayer and H. Spicer.
11.12 a.m.—J. Coulthart and W. R. Mansfield.
11.16 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and A. B. Purves.
11.20 a.m.—A. B. Stewart and E. Grimble.
11.24 a.m.—E. J. Edwards and W. Beveridge.

Monday 8th October.

9.24 a.m.—A. B. Purves and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.28 a.m.—E. W. Jeffries and W. N. Fleming.
9.32 a.m.—J. Mackay and L. R. Andrewes.
9.36 a.m.—E. R. Hallifax and A. N. Other.
9.40 a.m.—A. Leach and F. A. Merry.
9.44 a.m.—T. C. Bowle and J. M. Walker.
9.48 a.m.—J. Fox and J. H. Davy.
9.52 a.m.—E. W. Kirk and W. K. Duncombe.
9.56 a.m.—T. D. E. Pendered and A. T. Lay.
10.00 a.m.—L. C. F. Bellamy and G. Murray.
10.04 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and J. S. McEachran.
10.08 a.m.—D. Ellis and E. D. Black.
10.12 a.m.—H. Spicer and J. D. H. Crawford.
10.16 a.m.—C. B. Johnson and J. W. Shewan.
10.20 a.m.—S. H. Langston and E. N. Monie.
10.24 a.m.—T. G. Weall and A. D. Humphreys.
10.28 a.m.—E. W. Garrett and G. E. Mitchell.
10.32 a.m.—J. S. Dykes and W. A. Weight.

lost several of their best players, including both of their backs, Frank Wheeler and Dodahon. The policy adopted of encouraging the younger generation to take up football seriously, is now bearing fruit; however, and none of the players turning out to-morrow is entirely new to local football. The young reserve team which did so well last season has supplied all the material necessary to fill the vacancies, and Kowloon will begin the new campaign confidently. Slims is still with the team, though I understand it will not be for very long. He performs in the centre-forward position to-morrow, when the team will be: Angus; Guest; Dastman; Bliss; McKelvie; Hedley; Pile; Spary; Slims; Miles and Hayes.

The second eleven has been going great guns and they will offer strong opposition to anything in the Junior Division.

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No details are available of the Royal Navy teams. The Senior team is meeting one of the strongest League sides in the Queen's Royal Regiment. The crushing victory over the Chinese Athletic at the end of last season was one of the occasions when the side touched its real form. The side is not likely to undergo any notable change, all the first eleven still being available. It should be one of the most attractive matches scheduled, particularly as it is rumored that H.M.S. Cumberland carries several County players.

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There was an exceedingly large attendance at the funeral of the late Mr. Francisco Tse Yan, who died on Wednesday at his residence at the age of 75 years. The interment took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, the Rev. Father Spada, representing the Very Rev. Bishop Valtorta, who is absent from the Colony, officiated. Assisting Fr. Spada were Frs. Banchio, Torrucci, Paul Lu and John Sit. Fr. Morrer was also present.

The principal mourners were the deceased's children, grandchildren and other relatives.

Others present included:

Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Ho Leung, Ho Lu, Ho Kwong, Chea Po-lan, Wong Kwong-tin, Ip Lam-chuen, Ho Ki, Lady Ho Tung, J. D. Bush, J. F. Gross, C. G. Anderson, H. K. Hung, C. Choa, J. M. Alves, H. A. Lam, J. M. J. Choa, W. Hall, J. W. Kew, J. S. Landolt, Ko Leung-ho, E. Ho Tung, Choa Cheung, Mr. J. Landolt (representing Messrs. Sander Victor and Co.), J. M. de Rocha, Leung Hing-kee, A. A. Alves, P. M. N. da Silva, Leung Chung-ming, Fred da Silva, Wong Mow-lum, H. F. Hung, K. Dixon, C. Cham Ming, Ho Cheung, Lo Kai-hong, Brother-Marcian, Bro. Cassian, Bro. Wilfrid, Bro. Benedict.

Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Mrs. Ho Sai-chung, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Ho Sai Ki, Mrs. Ho Sai-wing, the Misses Gertrude and Angeline Choa.

Several local Catholic Institutions were also represented. There were present students from the Kai Lap School, Sisters of the Italian Convent, Sisters of the Home for the Blind, and Little Sisters of the Poor.

The compradors and members of the staff of the N. Y. K. were also present.

There was a wealth of floral tributes laid on the grave. Among the many wreaths were those from his beloved children (Nicholas, Simon and Elizabeth, Agnes, Bette, Frank, Lily and Cecilia), his beloved grandchildren (Andrew, Lucy, Agnes, Mary, Annie, Kitha, and Peter); Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Sir Shou-sen Chow, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, Messrs. J. M. Wong, Choa Po-yew, Li Yau-sun, Wong Kwong-tin, Tse Tse-shai, Mok Kon-sang.

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Owing to shortage of space the list of those who sent wreaths must necessarily be curtailed.

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Berlin, Oct. 4.

The Inter-Allied Rhineland Commission has made representations to the German Government in regard to the flight of the Graf Zeppelin over occupied territory near Wiesbaden as contrary to the Rhineland Convention. Herr Eckener, the constructor of the Zeppelin explained that weather conditions were responsible for the short flight over Wiesbaden. Reuter.

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BUDGET DAY AT COUNCIL.

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had to do his share in the compilation of this book of figures, but I would like particularly to express my own appreciation of the work of Mr. Wynne-Jones and the staff of the Colonial Secretary's Office on whom all the work ultimately centred. Mr. Wynne-Jones is also handling the Budget for the first time and he has carried through the duties energetically and efficiently. (Applause).

It is gratifying to find that the allocation of expenditure as presented has already received for the most part the approval of the Council, and it is hoped that the explanations now given have removed any obstacle to the adoption of the Estimates as a whole. (Applause).

The Bill Passed.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government: My thanks are due both to the Unofficial and to the Official members of the Council for the very friendly reception which this Budget has received, and for the very careful consideration accorded to it, and I very much appreciate the kindly references to

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

DOOR, DOOM, ROOM, ROOM, REAM, SEAM, SLAM.

The Government services and to myself. In particular my thanks are due to the Colonial Secretary for the very hard work he has devoted to the preparation of the Budget and for the very full reply he has made to the criticisms of the Unofficial members. So complete has been his reply that I feel there is no need for me to detain you with further words. I therefore put the motion standing in the name of the Colonial Secretary which has been duly proposed and seconded that a bill be introduced.

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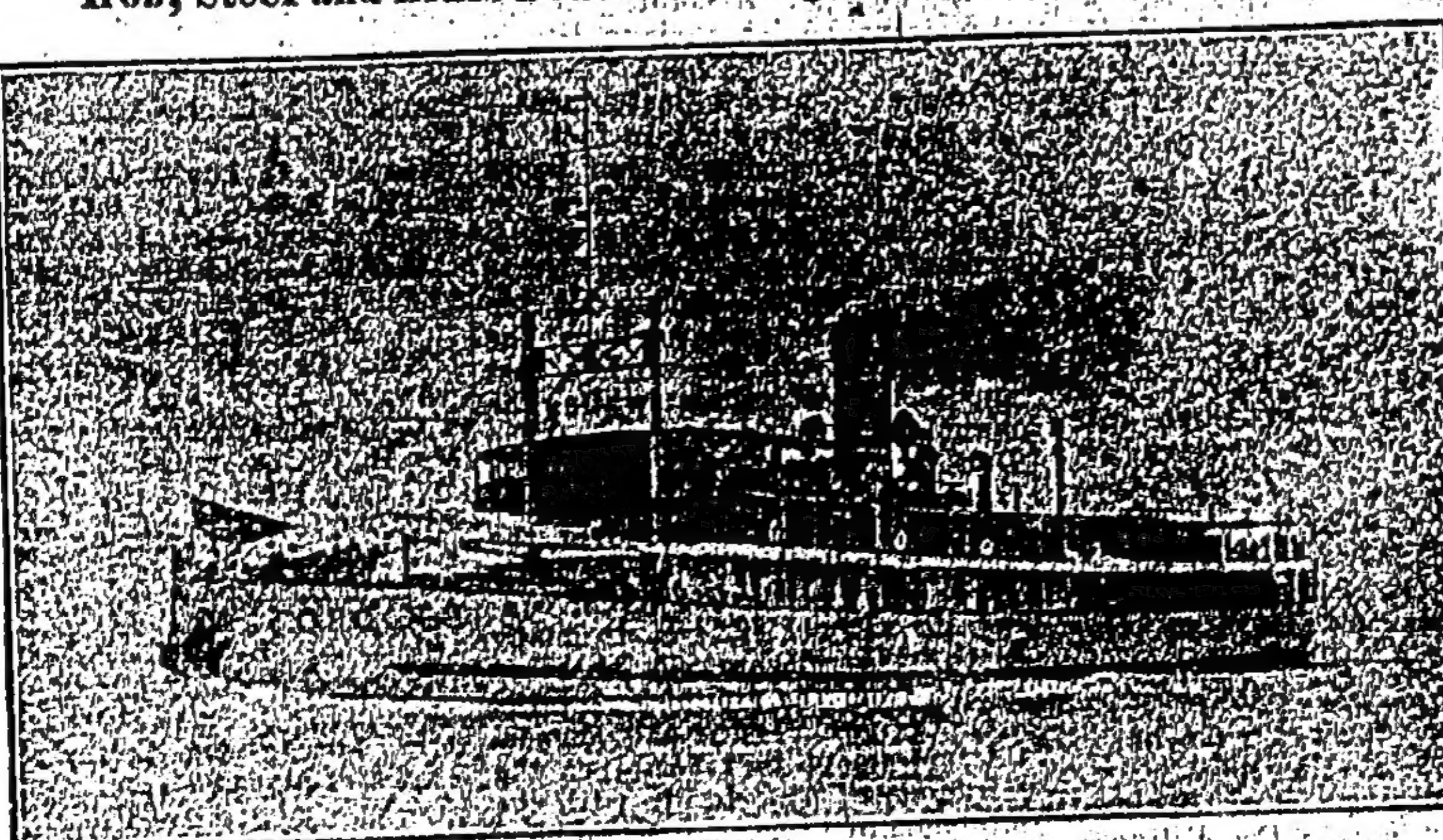
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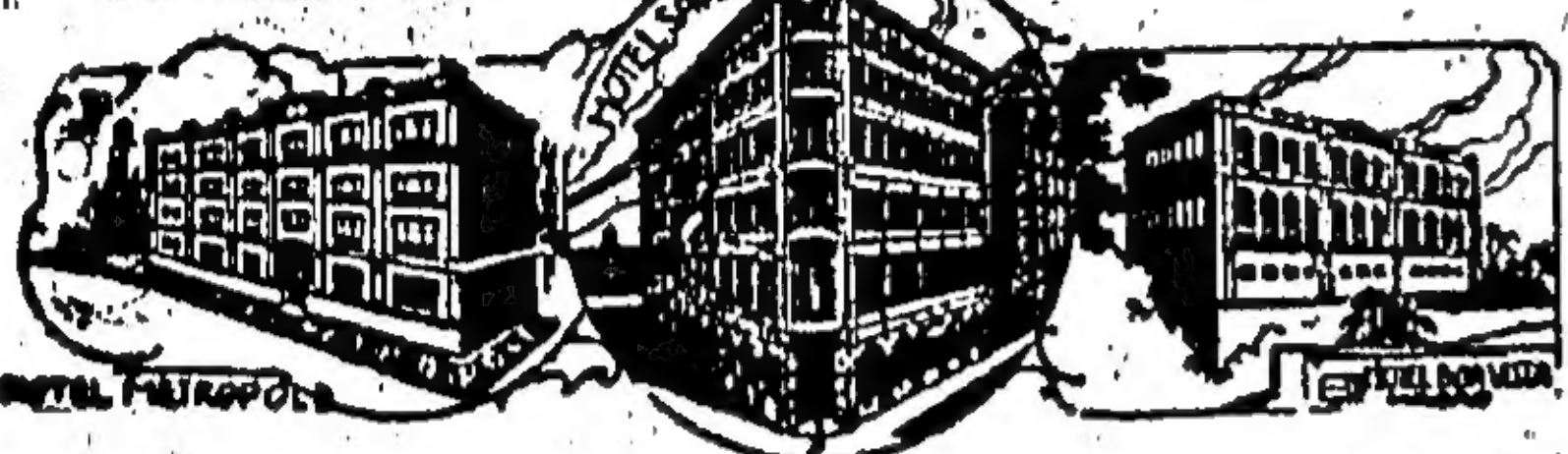
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The trial of Toral for the murder
of General Obregon, the Mexican
president-elect, will prob-
ably take place in a cinema ac-
commodating 2,000 people.

Edward French, of the Crown
Hotel, Shorne, near Gravesend,
was found dead in Chiff-road,
Frimbury, Rochester, by the side
of his motor-cycle.

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ROYAL VISIT GREATLY
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SPOKE NATIVE TONGUE

London, Oct. 4.

Great appreciation of the visit of
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to native
chiefs at their camp at Nairobi, where
he presented photographs of himself
to leading Africans, is ex-
pressed in a letter to the Nairobi
press signed by five paramount
chiefs.

They say that above all they were
greatly impressed by the fact that the
Prince addressed them in
Kiswahili, their native tongue,
which he studied while on his
voyage to Africa.

The Prince is now interesting
himself in preparations for the
Duke of Gloucester's safari, or big
game hunt, on the first stage of
which the Duke is expected to set
out to-morrow through the lonely
interior.

The Prince has visited the site of
the Duke of Gloucester's first camp,
which is situated fifteen miles from
Nairobi.—British Wireless.

TREASURY FRAUD TRIAL.

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of 30 cheques, and his impression
at the time was that the shortage
was due to the Bank not supplying
the usual number. He was not of
a different view in the light of the
present proceedings.

Shown the two cheque-book
stubs, witness agreed that 30 were
short from each, and testified that
he had never made out any
cheques in the missing series, nor
were any corresponding details
posted in relation to these miss-
ing cheques in any of the other
relevant books of which he had
charge.

Sometime in November of last
year, he discovered the shortage in
the first of the cheque books, but
was reassured by seeing that the
serial number on the cover had
been altered and initialled, as if
by the Bank itself. Between the
20th and 24th December of the
year, he found a similar shortage
in the second cheque book, and
again he was reassured by seeing
the necessary alteration made to
the serial number on the cover,
although in this case it was not
accompanied by any initials.

• 200 Too Many.

He also, at another date, re-
ceived a book of 400 cheques
from the Bank when he had asked
for a book of only 200. He asked
the Cashier if it was necessary to
return the book to the Bank for
one of the required number, but
then he found that 60 cheques
were missing from the 400-cheque
book. Thinking that it would make
very little difference one way or
the other, and that they would
need the extra number, now that
it had been reduced to 340, wit-
ness spoke to the Cashier, and,
under the directions of the
Colonial Treasurer, he kept that
book.

Cross-examined, witness said
he did not check the books page
by page as he received them from
the Bank, but he made it a rule to
verify the first and last number
of the series to see that it con-
formed with the number indicated
on the cover.

Subsequently, witness said that
he did not discover the shortage
until the books were returned
from the printer for the names of
"Colonial Treasurer" and Cashier"
to be added on each cheque, and
until he came to use the books.
On making the discovery he did
look up the serial number on the
cover, and concluded, after that
lapse of time, that he had read
the numbers wrong.

Witness Signs in Court.

Under Mr. Russ's directions,
witness wrote three duplicates of
the disputed cheques, for the pur-
pose of comparison of the hand-
writing, using a Waverley nib
which he was in the habit of using
when writing out Treasury cheques.

Mr. Russ (after the cheques had
been filled according to his dicta-
tion).—"And you still say that the
handwriting on those three
cheques was not yours?"

Witness:—Yes.

The new cheques were handed
in and tabulated as exhibits.

Re-examining, Mr. Hazlerigg
drew attention to the distinctive
"Z" of the witness's writing as
compared with that appearing in
"Katz" on the disputed cheque.
The former had a tail, while the
latter was without one, being writ-
ten more like the printed letter.

The case is proceeding this
afternoon when Mr. C. McI. Mes-
ser, the Colonial Treasurer, will
give evidence.

NEW LADY GOLFING STAR ARISES.

MISS ENID WILSON IN FINAL
OF CHAMPIONSHIP.

ONLY JUST EIGHTEEN.

London, Oct. 4.

This week has produced some
superb golf on the Walton Heath
links, where the English Ladies'
Golf Championship (closed) is
being played off.

The semi-finals were followed by
a large crowd to-day, the match
of outstanding interest being that
between Miss Enid Wilson (Nottingham)
and Miss Molly Gourlay (Cam-
berley).

Miss Wilson, although only
eighteen years of age, started a
favourite for the championship,
and to-day Miss Gourlay was
expected to give her the real test.
Miss Gourlay, in the fifth round
had defeated Mrs. Guadalla, of
Walton Heath. Mrs. Guadalla
was formerly Miss Edith Leitch,
the famous ex-champion, and Miss
Gourlay's victory was the more
surprising since she was meeting
Mrs. Guadalla on her home links.

The semi-final to-day was a
great struggle from start to finish,
both players performing splendidly.
Miss Wilson defeated Miss
Gourlay by one up.

In the other semi-final, Miss
Dorothy Pearson, of Nevill, beat
Miss P. Lobbett (Northants) by
three and one.—Reuter.

STOLE \$200 FROM A GIRL.

THIEF GETS PRISON AND BIRCH.

Sentence of six months' hard
labour and 15 strokes of the birch
was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield,
at the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, on a Chinese who was
convicted of stealing \$200 from a
young Chinese girl in Shanghai
Street on September 23.

According to the evidence of the
girl, she was returning to her
house at No. 55, Shanghai Street
with \$200 in bank notes which she
had changed. On reaching the
staircase of her residence, a man
seized her from behind while a
second snatched the money, which
she was carrying in her hands.

The man who seized her was
the defendant, who was chased
and arrested. The other man
made good his escape.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

those who regard it as having
outlived its day:

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unique place in the affections of
music-lovers. Its music is 'in-
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in existence is piano-music. The
greatest composers of the world
have known how to write piano-music.
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genius have given their lives to
the art of playing the piano. It is
the chosen instrument of a multi-
tude of composers of all ranks,
and performers of every grade of pro-
ficiency, and listeners to music
from the centres of life to the
outskirts of civilization. Above
all, it is essentially the instrument
for music in the home, where its
educative, its social, and its re-
creative capacity give it high place
among the home amenities."

Mr. Ernest Newman, the famous
critic, also has been rushing to the
defence of the piano, though not in
connection with the above-men-
tioned Contest. According to him,
the strength of the piano lies in
the fact that it is not so much a
public as a private instrument—
the private instrument, in fact. It
is the one instrument that keeps
the plain music-lover more or
less independent of public music-
making. With only a moderate
technique he has under his ten
fingers, at any time he likes, the
greater part of the world's best
music in most genres; while the
pianola and such devices as the
Duo-Art place at his disposal a
thousand works that are beyond
his own technique. Moreover, the
piano is indispensable to domestic
music of all sorts; the singer can-
not do without it, nor, in many
cases, the players of chamber
music, from the violinist upwards.
The piano is the only domes-
tic instrument that combines the
maximum of opportunity with the
minimum of expense and trouble."

After reading that, all budding
pianists should set to work to
practise scales and arpeggios
with added zest. It may be true,
of course, that anyone with a
moderate technique can get a lot
of pleasure from tinkling away
to himself on his domestic piano,
but the opportunities of hearing
works played perfectly by first-

SHANGHAI POSTAL STRIKE.

GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO
COMPROMISE.

COERCIVE MEASURES.

Shanghai, Oct. 4.

It is understood that the Nan-
king Government has issued a per-
emptory order to the Shanghai
postal strikers to return to work,
and that on the intervention of the
Shanghai Kuomintang, a compro-
mise is likely to be reached.

Information derived from
Chinese sources indicates that the
strike is likely to be called off to-
morrow, though there is no sign of
this at present, and the strikers
may yet go back upon an agree-
ment which is said to have been
reached at a conference between
officials of the Chinese Municipa-
lity, the Shanghai Kuomintang and
the strikers' leaders.

The Government representatives
urged the strikers to return to
work, suggesting that the matter be
left in the hands of the Kuomint-
tang, who would open negotiations
with the Nanjing Government ad-
vocating that certain of the sixteen
demands should be complied with.

Official Threat.

On this understanding reached
after a long discussion it is under-
stood the strikers' leaders agreed to
call a meeting of their colleagues
to test the feeling.

The result of the meeting of the
strikers has not been disclosed, but
in the event of an unfavourable
reply, it is likely that coercive
measures will be employed.

It is reported that yesterday
afternoon Chinese civil and military
authorities discussed the subject at
the Chinese Naval Club and that it
was decided, in the event of the re-
fusal of the strikers to resume
work, the Labour Unions will be
closed down and all the strikers'
leaders arrested.

Mr. Wang Pei-chun, the Nation-
alist Minister of Communications,
whose department is concerned in
the postal strike, has expressed the
opinion that the postal strike is the
result of political agitation, and
that it is not really a demand for an
increase of wages, but the result of
a widespread plot in Shanghai to
create industrial disturbances.

Nanking to Join.

It is now announced that the
postmen and lower grade clerks of
the Nanking Post Office have de-
clared their intention to strike if
certain demands, passed upon those
made in Shanghai, are not complied
with during the next 48 hours.

PORTUGAL'S NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.

RECEPTION AT THE CLUB LUSITANO.

The anniversary of the establish-
ment of the Republic of Portugal
in the year 1910, was celebrated at
the Club Lusitano this morning,
when the Portuguese Consul Gen-
eral for Hongkong, Senhor
Cerveira de Albuquerque e
Castro, received a large num-
ber of guests, including His
Excellency the Officer Adminis-
tering the Government, the Hon.
Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.

Several hundreds attended, in-
cluding members of the Consular
Body, officials of the Club Lusitano
and leading Portuguese and Euro-
pean residents. During the recep-
tion, pleasing selections were ren-
dered by the Sequiera family, con-
sisting of a father and six sons.

The toast to His Majesty the
King, was proposed by the Portu-
guese Consul General, and was
honoured with the playing of the
British National Anthem. Follow-
ing this, the Hon. Mr. W. T.
Southern proposed the toast to the
President of the Portuguese Repu-
blic, when the orchestra played the
Portuguese National Anthem.

Among those present were the fol-
lowing:—H. E. the General Officer
Commanding the Troops (Major-
General C. O. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.)
and his A.D.C. (Lt. R.Q.F. John-
ston); Commodore J. L. Pearson,
C.M.G., R.N., and his secretary Pay
Comdr. H. Rogers, O.B.E., R.N., the
Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.,
C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary); the
Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, C.B.E.,
K.C. (Attorney-General); the Hon.
Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director
of Public Works); the Hon. Sir
Shou-son Chow; the Hon. Dr. R. H.
Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; Lt.-Col.
G. Bird, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. F. Hayley
Bell, D.S.O.; Mr. Li Yau-tsun
(Chairman of the Hongkong Chi-
nese General Chamber of Com-
merce); Mr. J. Oram Sheppard, Mr.
C. P. James; and Colonel J. A.
Santos, of Macao.

class performers are nowadays so
common, that nobody is keen on
hearing a piece played indifferently
by an amateur; and it is that
which acts as a discouragement to
so many young players who, after
eight or ten years of solid prac-
tice, still find themselves far be-
low the concert standard which
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